Dobbs Park

Park Perspective

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Parks + Recreation (VC)

by Patrick Ralston,

City Parks Superintendent

The City Park featured this week is Dobbs Park located at R.R.31 east on Popular Street near Lincolnshire Subdivision. Dobbs Park has a total of 105 acres of which 14 acres is virgin timber.

Dobbs Park was established as a memorial to John G. Dobbs by his daughter Effie F. Dobbs. John Dobbs was born in Pennsylvania near Pittsburgh. He enlisted in the Civil War in the 6th Ohio Calvary. John Dobbs came to Terre Haute in 1866 and was married to Sarah Scott Bell in 1870. They had two children, Clair D. Dobbs and Effie F. Dobbs. Prior to his retirement, John Dobbs owned a furniture store and 6½ and Wabash where the empty Woolworth Store is located. John Dobbs was a lover of nature and spent much time on his property, known now as Dobbs Park.

Mayor Vernon R. McMillan accepted the property on behalf of the City of Terre Haute during a ceremony on April 7, 1945. Mayor McMillan formed the John G. Dobbs Memorial Grove Commission to have complete administrative control over the 105 acres. The Commission was also to plan, prmote and develop the land for the citizens of Terre Haute. In 1945 the Dobbs Commission bought forty-five thousand seeding trees which were planted by various people in the community including Boy Scout Troops.

In 1975 twenty-five acres of Dobbs Park was dedicated to the State Nature Preserve because of its unique "old growth forest". Currently there exists over 300 species of plant and animal life at Dobbs Park.

In 1975 the Nature Center was added to enhance the natural features of the park, as well as, provide an educational tool for Park visitors. Also a cooperative program was initiated with the Vigo County School Corporation to provide Environmental Education classes for elementary students.

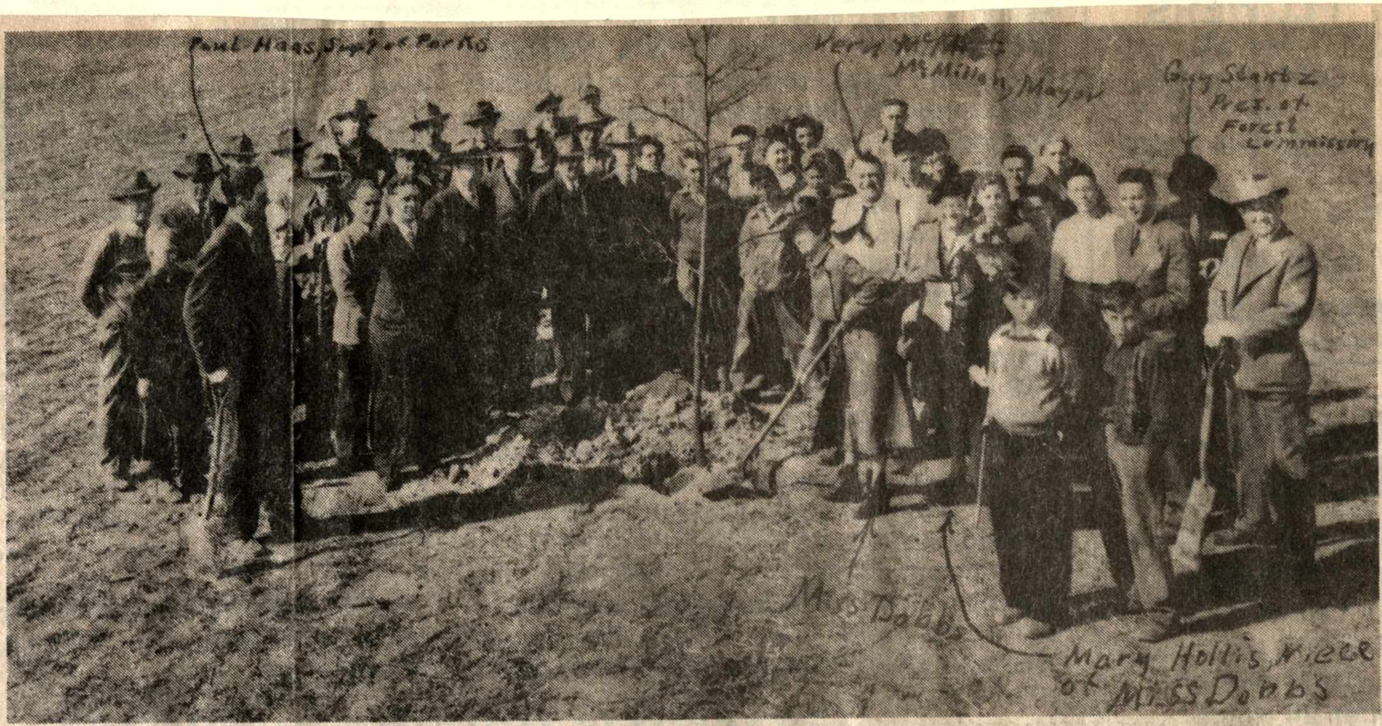
In 1982 the National Park Service classified Dobbs Park as a National Recreation Trail under Public Law (90-543). This designation in the National Trails System has been added to National Park Service brochures.

In 1982 a self-guiding nature trail was added to assist Park visitors. The trail is made up of 20 stations. Brochures for the self-guiding trail are available at the Nature Center. Dobbs has two other trails, one of which follows the perimeter of the old growth forest and the other which winds through the large pine trees and young deciduous woods.

In October of 1984 a 1902 caboose was donated to the City and placed at Dobbs Park and is currently being restored by a group of retired railroaders.

Anyone wishing to arrange for a Nature Program or obtain information on hikes may call 877-1095. Please schedule at least two weeks ahead.

It it snows, cross country skis can be rented at the Dobbs Nature Center.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DOBBS FOREST ACCEPTED BY CITY–The first of a grove of trees to be planted in memory of Vigo County residents who gave their lives in World War II is planted in the John G. Dobbs Memorial forest by Miss Effie Dobbs, who presented the tract to the city in memory of her late father. Mayor Vernon R. McMillan formally accepted the 105 acres of land, which comprises the forest.

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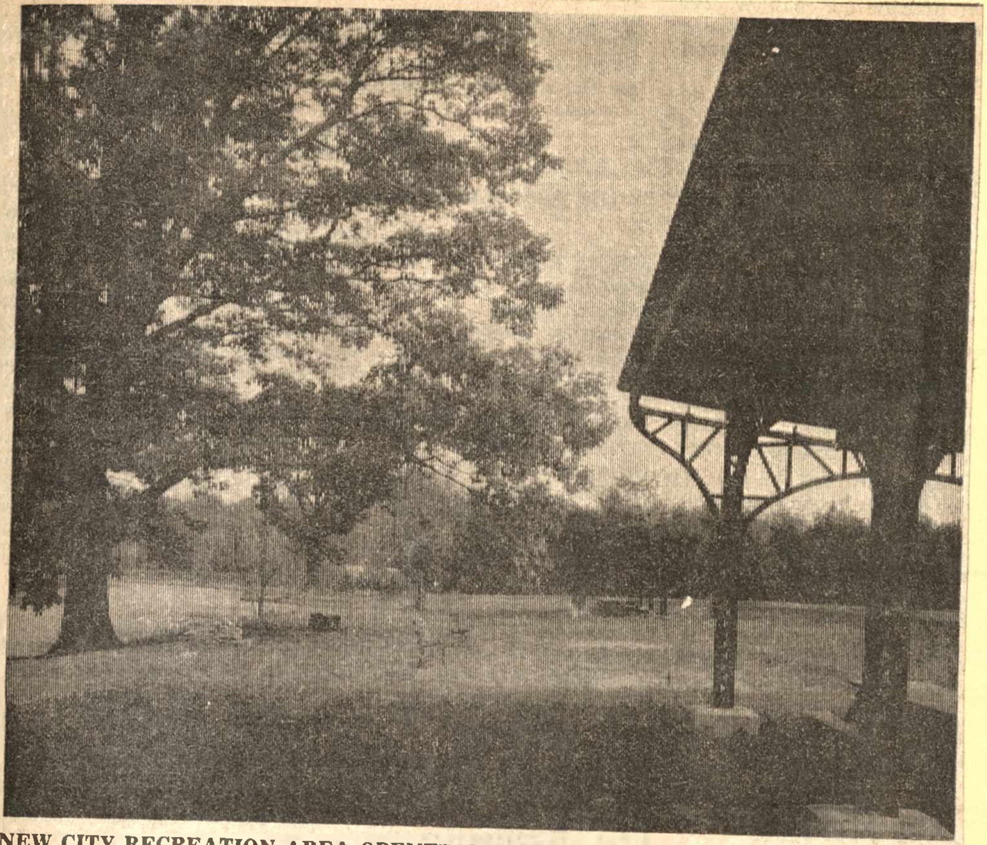

NEW CITY RECREATION AREA OPENED AT DOBBS GROVE—The 105-acre Dobbs Memorial Grove, located east of the city in the northwest corner of the State Roads 42-46 intersection, will be officially dedicated and opened for public use Saturday. A special program of entertainment for youth has been planned. Pictured is a portion of the picnic area, shelters and lake.

Photo by Martin.

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Fun for Everyone At Dobbs Opening

By EULETA SLOVER TURNER

The Terre Haute Board of Park Commissioners Wednesday announced completion of plans for the official dedication and opening of Dobbs Memorial Grove Saturday, which finally carries out the original public recreation intent of the 19-year-old bequest of Dobbs land to the city government.

The 105-acre wooded tract is located east of the city on the Poplar street road, and was bequeathed to the people of Terre Haute in the will of the late Miss Effie Dobbs as a memorial to her father, John G. Dobbs, and "to be used as a natural forest for park purposes."

Throughout the first 10 years the acreage was planted with trees and improved by a commission, ordered in the terms of the will, but which finally was forced to cease its efforts since it had no power to appropriate funds for the work.

The present stand of trees, a well-stocked fishing area, several buildings and other areas improved or remodeled by the City Park Department were actually the results of the commission. It was made up of members of the Terre Haute Izaak Walton League, the Indiana Conservation Department and its local groups, members of the Dobbs family, the Kiwanis Club, Boys' Club, Boy Scouts, various citizen groups and co-operating agencies of the civil government.

Since terms of the will demanded that the area be placed in public use by a certain period of years it would revert to heirs of the Dobbs estate, the city moved about a year ago to assume jurisdiction of the property and complete the bequest terms.

The building on the property has now been remodeled into a clubhouse and caretaker's quarters, complete with public rest rooms, drinking fountains and other necessary facilities. An outdoor shelter has been constructed and beautiful picnic grounds have been improved in the heart of the evergreen forest.

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Saturday's dedication program will begin at 2 o'clock and will be preceded by a flag raising ceremony, the banner being a contribution from the Wabash Valley Press Club and presented by its president, Robert Kadel, a member of the planning committee.

Set Flag Ceremony.

The flag ceremony will be conducted by Boy Scouts of North Terre Haute Baptist Church Troop 34 and Burnett Troop 201, sponsored by the Burnett Volunteer Fire Department. Both were selected as the most outstanding groups at a recent Scout Camporee.

Members of the Vigo County Clergy Association will invoke a spiritual blessing upon the acreage and its humanitarian program with Mayor Ralph Tucker to officially declare the facility a public center. He will be introduced by William L. White, park board president, according to Sydney Levin, board vice president and chairman of the committee planning group.

The subsequent ribbon cutting ceremony will open the recreation area for two hours of fun-filled games of basketball pitching, football throwing, golf putting, standing broad jump, baseball throwing, casting contests, a merry-go-round and other events.

Young men of Prof. Robert Meyne's physical education classes at Indiana State College have volunteered to arrange and staff the game booths. Ribbons for first and second place winners will be given.

Relay matches will be interspersed between the game eevnts and will be made up of random teams with cash awards of five cents given each member of the winninfg teammates, according to Ted Moore, board secretary and director of games' planning.

Arrange Pet Show.

A pet show will be held with officials of the Terre Haute Humane Society to act as judges. Plaques will be awarded to the boy and girl with the most outstanding pet in each of several categories, such as largest dog, those with the longest hair, the longest tail, etc.

Any youngster can enter and need only appear with his or her pet on a leash. No advance registration is necessary. Similarly, all events are open to all youngsters without reservation or charge. The only fees will be associated with refreshments to be dispensed from a mobile food unit, which will be available for the conventience of all children and adults joining in the program.

The afternoon will have a Halloween theme with youngsters invited to appear in costume. Judges will award eight $5 cash awards—one each to the boy and girl wearing (1) the prettiest costume, (2) the most comical, (3) the most original and (4) the "best dressed" outfit.

Members of the Youth Advisory Committee composed of David Gibbs of Garfield, Lawrence Barnes Jr. of Honey Creek, Joseph Schneider of Schulte, Patty Light of Gerstmeyer and Carole Greenwood of Wiley will act as judges. They will be assisted by Mrs. Samuel E. Beecher Jr., their adult advisor and member of the park board's planning committee.

Dancing Planned.

From 4 until 7 o'clock, the Jimmy Adami Orchestra will play for dancing in the remodeled clubhouse-barn. Chairman Levin noted that the dance program will include a variety of modern dances popular among teenage circles, not just the so-called "barn dance" as was reportedly implied in earlier announcements.

Novelty dance program events such as community singing, special awards for particularly adept dance couples and dance contests will be a part of the program. It is also open to all interested youngsters without charge. Adults, too, are welcome, it was noted, although the primary purpose of the dedication is to provide a community program for youth.

Emeline Fairbanks Mem. Library

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Chief of Police Frank Riddle has advised that uniformed officers will be on hand to direct traffic and Sgt. Ned Woodard of the Indiana State Police Post, south of Terre Haute, has assured that troopers will be on hand to maintain traffic adherence to the 15 mph speed limit signs they will post along State Highway 42 (Poplar street road).

Similarly, Fire Chief Norman Fesler has indicated members and equipment of his department will be present as a safety precaution due to the extremely dry vegetation situation resulting from the current drought.

Park Superintendant Charles Britton has directed a large number of park benches to be delivered to the area for the comfort of youngsters and parents and adults expected to accompany them to the celebration, according to Robert Bennett, park board member and co-ordinator of the dedication activities at the Grove.

The planning was completed during a Wednesday noon luncheon meeting held in the Crystal Room of Hulman Center (formerly Hotel Deming). In addition to White, Levin, Moore, Bennett, Britton, Mrs. Beecher and Kadel, the meeting was attended by Richard Tuttle, staff representative of the Terre Haute Chamber of Commerce and representing it on the planning group.

17,500,000 people in the United States have some form of mental illness needing psychiatric treatment.

AP Newsfeatures

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Dobbs Memorial Grove Was Given to Preserve Nature

By DOROTHY J. CLARK

Dobbs Memorial Grove really came into being January 21, 1944, when its owner, the late Miss Effie Frances Dobbs, and her cousin Mary Hollis (now Mrs. Call), met with Attorney Frank R. Miller (now deceased) in his office. They discussed the idea of giving the 105-acre farm, located one mile east of Deming Park on the north side of Poplar Street Road, to the city as a memorial to Miss Dobbs' father, John G. Dobbs.

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It was reported in the news at that time that Terre Haute was one of the first cities to begin such an undertaking, that only a few cities have municipal forests in which to save some of the wildlife that that is rapidly decreasing, and for the beautiful scenery it adds to the cities.

Councilman Harold E. Lo'rey introduced a resolution in which the Council agreed to accept the land and to in every way comply with Miss Dobbs' request that the land was to be used for a public forest and in no way commercialized.

She also requested that under no circumstances may there be any charge of admission to enjoy the natural benefits one might derive from the place, and the resolution stated that if in any way these requests were broken the land must be immediately returned to Miss Dobbs or her heirs.

John G. Dobbs was a veteran of the Civil War, having served four years with the Army of the Potomac with the 6th Ohio Cavalry. He was injured in the Battle of the Wilderness but recovered to re-enter service and was present at the surrender of Lee at Appomattox.

Dobbs was born in a log cabin in Beaver County, Pennsylvania, about 25 miles north of Pittsburgh, where he received his education at the Iron City Business College. After his service with the Union Army he migrated with his brother, William Dobbs, to Terre Haute in 1866. Shortly after his arrival here he joined the First Baptist Church. While singing in the choir he met, and in 1870 married Sarah Scott Bell, sister of Oswald D. Bell and Mary Jane (Bell) Travioli, both of Terre Haute. The Bell family came to Terre Haute from Utica, N. Y., on the old Wabash and Erie Canal, landing here at 2nd and Cherry Sts., when Sarah was only 2 years old. Mr. and Mrs. Dobbs had two children: a son, Clair D. Dobbs, and a daughter, Miss Effie Frances Dobbs.

Dobbs' business career started when he left the employment of the Parker Foundry to buy a grocery, located at 2nd St. and Moffatt Ave. Moffatt Ave. is now Washington Ave.

He later entered the lumber business at Linton, but returned to Terre Haute to purchase a furniture business in which he engaged until 1909. The last location of this furniture store was on the south side of Wabash Ave. at Center St., where Kresge Store is now located.

Later, he with six other Terre Haute businessmen, organized the Terre Haute Pure Milk Co., which was later purchased by the Borden Co.

Miss Dobbs, sole survivor of her family, was born and reared in Terre Haute and taught for a few years in Terre Haute city schools. In 1940, shortly after the death of her brother, Clair, she lost her eyesight and became totally blind.

On the 20th anniversary of the date of her father's death, Miss Dobbs signed the deed which made the gift to the city of the farm which had been purchased by her father in 1907 from the Soules estate.

The gift of the memorial grove followed closely along the two principles which guided Mr. Dobbs' life and interests—the spirit of progress for the city in which he lived, and the charity and interest in his fellowman, which marked his many years' service with the Board of United Charities.

Miss Effie Dobbs received the "Most Useful Citizen Award" for her gift and was eulogized for being an alert, useful person who served her community with her music.

Boy Scout Troop No. 39 planted 100 pine trees each, a total of 4,000 small pine trees covering four acres under the direction of Scoutmaster Oscar J. Weberg.

When it was discovered in 1948 that delinquent taxes were due on the property, it was necessary to draw up, sign and record a second deed to replace the original which had been lost and not recorded.

Plans then called for bridle paths and walks or hikes through the tract be established There were to be no motor cars allowed in the prpeserve. On Oct. 26, 1063, Dobbs' Memorial Grove was finally opened. Whether or not Miss Dobbs' wishes and plans will be carried out remains to be seen.

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THE CABOOSE AT DOBBS PARK

Nestled against a picturesque pine tree backdrop the red Pennsylvania caboose at Dobbs Park brings thoughts of a time gone by - a time when the caboose served to protect the rear end of the train; a time when the caboose was used as an office on local runs; a time when the caboose was a home away from home for the conductor.

The caboose you can visit at Dobbs Park was built by Pennsylvania Railroad in 1903 and was assigned to Terre Haute. It traveled the "local" line in its later years; which was between Terre Haute and Frankfort, Indiana. The caboose was rebuilt every five or six years in the Terre Haute yard.

There is a law that all railroad equipment can only be used 50 years, so the caboose was taken out of service in 1960, painted yellow, and put on a wrecking train - so called because of its job cleaning up wrecks. In April 1968 George Egy, a trainmaster, took care of transacting the move of the caboose to Doctor Wayne Crockett's backyard where it served as a bathhouse for the family's swimming pool. On October 5, 1984 Dobbs Park obtained the caboose with the interest in preserving the history of it. Harry Pennington, a retired Pennsylvania Railroad conductor, organized a renovation of the caboose with Virgil Coy, Richard Mewes, Charles Staley, Paul Petty, Fred Cash, and Dick Tuttle. The group completely rebuilt the outside of the caboose. A set of rails were donated that the imposing 16-ton car sits on at the park.

When people tour the authoritative railroad car they see what life was like for the conductor, flagman, or head brakeman who rode it. The men would ride in the cupolo - pronounced koop-a-lo - to inspect the train. When the caboose went by the railroad tower the towerman gave signals to the conductor and flagman about the state of the train. The cupolo is the small lookout, located on the top of the caboose, in the middle, with two windows on either side.

Generally trains would leave at 5:30 AM and return at midnight two days later on runs, so one night would be spent in the caboose. The head brakeman slept closest to the stove and it was his responsibility to keep it fired up. In the winter milk would freeze solid by beds in the opposite end from the stove.

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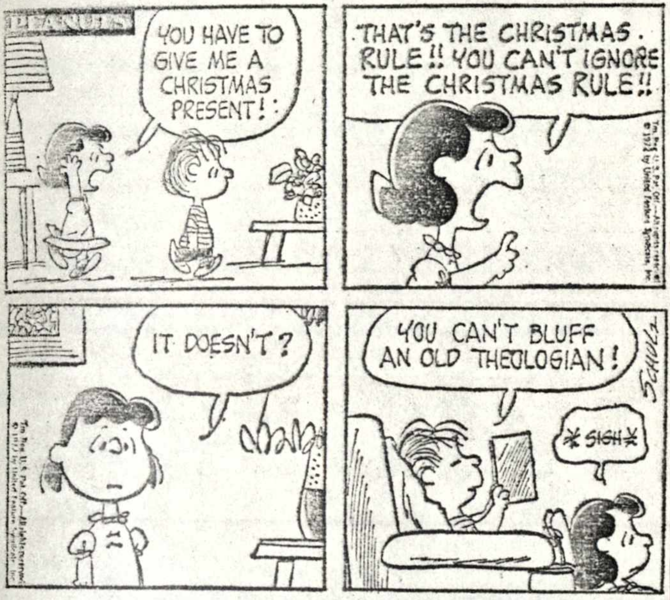
By Jeff Adams

The conductor would swing on the caboose's end while the train was starting up. He would only jump off while the train was moving in case of danger. Harry Pennington has jumped off trains traveling 35 miles per hour. The conductor was later forbidden to ride in the top of the caboose as it became against government law. In later years ladders were removed for safety reasons.

Cabooses are all steel now, but they used to be made of wood. Outside on either end are the brake wheels used to set the handbrakes. Inside are the bunks where the railroaders slept at night, as well as a water tank, wash basin, coal stove, and drawers which kept stationery the conductor used to keep his reports.

Primitive in those days and perhaps even unsafe; maybe - but the caboose, in its heyday, served an integral purpose in the railroad business and though not used as often now as in earlier days, the caboose reminds us of a different era - a time gone by.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Calendar

Terre Haute Area Events

The Terre Haute Star, in co-operation with the Terre Haute Area Chamber of Commerce, provides this daily calendar of events in the Terre Haute area. Organizations wishing to be listed should send written announcements either to the Star or the Chamber.

Wednesday

AL-NON Family Group meeting, 8 p.m., St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.

MOOSE meeting, 8 p.m. 3708 Wabash Ave.

WELL Child Clinic, 9 a.m., Pimento Firehouse.

YWCA — Swim Classes, 9:45 a.m. to 7:15 p.m.; Dance Classes, 1 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Trimnastics, 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Plunges, 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Aqua-Trim, 2 p.m.; Chicago trip, 7 p.m.

YMCA — Boys' Football Banquet, 6 p.m.; Church of God, 7 p.m.

YWCA — Dance classes, 1 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Swim classes, 9:30 a.m. o 6:15 p.m.; Matineers, 11 a.m.; Jr. Jane Swim, 4:45 p.m.; Trimnastics, 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Plunges, 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

YMCA — Paintmakers, 7:30 p.m.; Railway Clerks No. 1503, 7:30 p.m.

SCHOOL of Education, Colloquium, Dr. Janet L. McCarthy, 3 p.m., ISU.

PHYSICS Colloquium, Prof. Al Allen, 1 p.m., ISU.

PHI MU Sinfonia, Caroling on campus, 7 p.m.

Thursday

KIWANIS Club of Terre Haute, 12 noon, Knights of Columbus Clubhouse.

OPTIMIST Breakfast Club, 7:30 a.m., Danner's Trolley Stop.

TOASTMASTERS International Vigo No. 332, 7 p.m., YMCA.

BRIDGE, 12:30 p.m.; 99'ers Club, 7:30 p.m., Terre Haute Bridge Center.

OPTIMIST Noon Club, 12 noon, Hulman Center.

AMERICAN Association of University Women, 7 p.m., Hyte Community Center.

TERRE HAUTE Board of Realtors, 5:30 p.m., Huddle Restaurant.

TRAVELERS Protective Association, 6:30 p.m., Bohannon's Restaurant.

RILEY Lions Club, 7:30 p.m., Riley Town Hall.

YWCA Dance classes, 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Trimnastics, Meadows Center, 9:30 a.m.; Live Y'er Swim, 4:45 p.m.; Homemakers Club, 1 p.m.; Guitar class, 7 p.m., Triple Y, 6 p.m.

YMCA — Beta Chapter, 7:30 p.m.

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St. Ann's School To Receive CT Ticket Award

St. Ann's School will be the recipient of an award given annually by the Children's Theater of Terre Haute to the school where the greatest percentage of tickets were sold for plays for the theater's current season.

Mrs. Jean Shutt, publicity chairman, said Tuesday that the pupils at St. Ann's purchased the largest percentage of tickets in proportion to the school's enrollment. Mrs. William Jerold was in charge of sales there. The award is a $25.00 savings bond.

Inactive members of Children's Theater were guests at the theater's annual Christmas meeting Monday at the home of Mrs. Douglas Grim. Several past presidents attended, Mrs. Shutt said. Mrs. James Reynolds currently is president of the organization, now in its 36th year.

The organizaton supports three theater productions presented in cooperation with the theater department of Indiana State University. The second production will be "Androcles and the Lion" to be presented Feb. 2, 3 and 4.

DR. E. S. HUYSER TO SPEAK AT WVACS MEETING

Dr. Earl S. Huyser, professor of chemistry at the University of Kansas, will discuss "Free Radical Oxidation-Reduction Reactions" at the regular meeting of the Wabash Valley Section, American Chemical Society at 3 p.m. Tuesday in the Beckes Student Union Building, Vincennes University.

A dinner at 6:30 p.m. will pre-

of Chicago. Before joining the Kansas faculty, he was a research chemist for Dow Chemical Co. and a post-doctoral fellow at Columbia University.

Dr. Huyser served also in the U.S. Army at the Army Chemical Center, Edgewood, Md.

Vote To Remove Camping Sites At Dobbs Park

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Parks and Recreation

The four members of the Terre Haute Board of Park Commissioners Tuesday voted unanimously to remove all camping sites from Dobbs Park, and they agreed in principle to development of the small suburban park as a nature area.

Board members had studied the proposal carefully during the November meeting, and the decision Tuesday signaled their agreement that permitting camping in the park does not comply with the 1944 will of the late Miss Effie F. Dobbs.

The terms in the will giving the 50 acres, known as John G. Dobbs Memorial Grove, stipulated that the site be a city forest, used for park purposes and for the planting of trees and shrubbery, and that no charge for entrance, exit or use of the real estate be imposed.

The park board also received during the business session its first official notification of a proposed agreement for the YWCA to construct a new facility in Fairbanks Park near the Wabash River to replace the present Y headquarters on North Seventh Street.

A five-acre site at the south end of Fairbanks Park has been leased to the Girl Scouts of America for 99 years at $1 per year, and the Park Board will have to decide whether the two may share the land already under lease.

Larry L. Rector Elected Masonic Lodge No. 86 WM

Members of Social Masonic Lodge No. 86 elected Larry L. Rector to serve as worshipful master for 1973 at a meeting Tuesday night at Masonic Temple.

Elected to serve with Rector were Yale W. Yager, senior warden; Gerald L. Thomas, junior warden; Robert A. Rogers, past master, secretary; Gerald M. Osmon, P.M., trustee for three years, and Robert A.

editorial associate for Contemporary Education, a publication of the ISU School of Education.

Dr. Carmony is associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and professor of English and linguistics.

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Pat Dougherty Defends Plans For Dobbs Park

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City Park Superintendent Pat Dougherty answered charges of angry citizens regarding the Terre Haute Park Board's decision to remove the campsites at Dobbs Park.

In a 10 a.m. press conference, Dr. M. C. Granger, a local camping enthusiast, and former Mayor Leland Larrison said the Park Board and Dougherty decided to tear out the 80 campsites because it takes too much work to keep them in good condition.

"They (the current workers of the park department) are too lazy to keep the campsites up. They get a political job and then think they can sluff off the work.

"Why Dougherty even has kids on the payroll out there," said Larrison.

Dougherty refuted the charges and took them as a personal affront:

"I'm the only Dougherty on the payroll in the park department. I have no relation whatsoever on the payroll and the record books are open to anyone who thinks different.

"As park superintendent I think Terre Haute city parks should be for the people of Terre Haute. The campsites at Dobbs were developed too much. Very few local campers use the park and since it's our tax money being used for upkeep, I can't see why the people of Terre Haute should pay for some campers from Michigan or Ohio.

"This big reaction to our decision to take out the camping sites has been instigated by the Highlanders Camping Club.

"It just so happens that the Highlanders met in Dobbs for the first time since I've been superintendent this past weekend. We're not going to keep the camping sites open just so one club can meet one time a year.

"We are going to put in an athletic field and Dobbs and sponsor programs for the people of Terre Haute. During the fall we will take part in the little league football program and during the summer we will have professionally supervised baseball or softball programs.

"These programs will serve the people of the city much better than a campground. The families will be able to have a picnic after the game and make a good, fun afternoon out of it.

"I symphathize with the campers, but there are plenty of areas to camp within 20 miles of Terre Haute. Our average weekend will have only 10 or 12 camping units in the park. It is not logical to have to maintain 80 campsites for 10 or 12 units.

"Camping clubs met only twice there this year and even then the campground was only half full."

The city park department since Dougherty took over in January of this year has already applied for federal funds in many areas. Dobbs Park will receive funds to develop a better nature area.

The superintendent also noted that his department has plans to build four new parks in the city, to build a new golf course and is now in the process of rennovating four older parks.

In the Granger and Larrison press conference, the doctor pointed out that the camping business is rapidly expanding. There are now 30 million camping vehicles in use and the federal givernment will make large loans to camp developers.

Larrison stated that the only way he knew to stop the park department from tearing the the campsites out is to take legal action by filing an injunction.

Dougherty closed, upon hearing of Granger's and Larrison's charges, by saying, "we are only doing this because we want the people of Terre Haute to be able to better use their parks."

"I hope that certain people don't try to turn this thing into a political football. When you look at this thing logically, we had no choice but to make Dobbs Park available to the people of our city, not to the people of some other state," he added.

When the Dobbs family donated the land to the city, the will stated specifically that the park will not become commercialized.

Parks + Recreation (Vigo Co.) Dobbs Park

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DOBBS - MOVIE

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Councilman Harold E. Lorey introduced a resolution in which the Council agreed to accept the land and to in every way comply with Miss Dobbs' request that the land was to be used for a public forest and in no way commercialized.

She also requested that under no circumstances may there be any charge of admission to enjoy the natural benefits one might derive from the place, and the resolution stated that if in any way these requests were broken the land must be immediately returned to Miss Dobbs or her heirs.

John G. Dobbs was a veteran of the Civil War, having served four years with the Army of the Potomac with the 6th Ohio Cavalry. He was injured in the Battle of the Wilderness but recovered to re-enter service and was present at the surrender of Lee at Appomattox.

Dobbs was born in a log cabin in Beaver County, Pennsylvania, about 25 miles north of Pittsburgh, where he received his education at the Iron City Business College. After his service with the Union Army he migrated with his brother, William Dobbs, to Terre Haute in 1866. Shortly after his arrival here he joined the First Baptist Church. While singing in the choir he met, and in 1870 married Sarah Scott Bell, sister of Oswald D. Bell and Mary Jane (Bell) Travioli, both of Terre Haute. The Bell family came to Terre Haute from Utica, N. Y., on the old Wabash and Erie Canal, landing here at 2nd and Cherry Sts., when Sarah was only 2 years old. Mr. and Mrs. Dobbs had two children: a son, Clair D. Dobbs, and a daughter, Miss Effie Frances Dobbs.

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Dorothy Clark

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Dobbs' business career started when he left the employment of the Parker Foundry to buy a grocery, located at 2nd St. and Moffatt Ave. Moffatt Ave. is now Washington Ave.

He later entered the lumber business at Linton, but returned to Terre Haute to purchase a furniture business in which he engaged until 1909. The last location of this furniture store was on the south side of Wabash Ave. at Center St., where Kresge Store is now located.

Later, he with six other Terre Haute businessmen, organized the Terre Haute Pure Milk Co., which was later purchased by the Borden Co.

Miss Dobbs, sole survivor of her family, was born and reared in Terre Haute and taught for a few years in Terre Haute city schools. In 1940, shortly after the death of her brother, Clair, she lost her eyesight and became totally blind.

On the 20th anniversary of the date of her father's death, Miss Dobbs signed the deed which made the gift to the city of the farm which had been purchased by her father in 1907 from the Soules estate.

The gift of the memorial grove followed closely along the two principles which guided Mr. Dobbs' life and interests—the spirit of progress for the city in which he lived, and the charity and interest in his fellowman, which marked his many years' service with the Board of United Charities.

Miss Effie Dobbs received the "Most Useful Citizen Award" for her gift and was eulogized for being an alert, useful person who served her community with her music.

Boy Scout Troop No. 39 planted 100 pine trees each, a total of 4,000 small pine trees covering four acres under the direction of Scoutmaster Oscar J. Weberg.

When it was discovered in 1948 that delinquent taxes were due on the property, it was necessary to draw up, sign and record a second deed to replace the original which had been lost and not recorded.

Plans then called for bridle paths and walks or hikes through the tract be established. There were to be no motor cars allowed in the preserve. On Oct. 26, 1963, Dobbs' Memorial Grove was finally opened. Whether or not Miss Dobbs' wishes and plans will be carried out remains to be seen.

November 27, 1956

Mr. Al Preston
R. R. #5
Terre Haute, Indiana

Dear Al:

I am enclosing invoice in the amount of $3.50 for finishing of movie film of the Dobbs Memorial Lake project.

Will you and Mr. Doyle please take care of this.

Very truly yours,

C. Huston Isaacs, Director
Vocational & Adult Education

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enclosure

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Bill Koehler
Chief Naturalist
Dobbs Park Nature Center
5050 E. Poplar Drive
Terre Haute IN 47803

Oct. 28, 91

Dear Mrs. Clark;

Hello, I am searching for a bit of Terre Haute history and thought maybe you could point me in the right direction. I came across this memo [see attached copy] in the Park Dept. files while preparing for a program on "Dobbs Park History". Which by the way was inspired to a large degree by a newspaper article you wrote years ago [copy enclosed]. It was very successful in that I got to meet some people that had known Effie Dobbs personally and gathered a lot of information that was not on file before. Excuse me for getting off the track. My questions to you are concerning the movie of the "Dobbs Memorial Lake Project" and are as follows.

1. Do you remember ever seeing or hearing of such a movie?

2. Do you have any ideas as to where I should look for this film? I am also writing to Dave Buchanan and Richard Tuttle for help.

Thank you for any help you can provide.

Sincerely
Bill Koehler
Bill Koehler

Dobbs

Parks & Recreation (V.C)

Mari Hulman George's gift adds nature center solarium

TS SEP 05 1986

By Dave Delaney
Tribune-Star Staff Reporter

Dobbs Park Nature Center now has an attached solarium thanks to a donation from Mari Hulman George.

City Parks and Recreation Board members were apprised of the addition Wednesday at the eastside nature center. The board also increased user fees at Hulman Links and Rea Park golf courses next season for out-of-county golfers; established a Victorian festival at Collett Park; and decided to offer hayrides and haunted train rides at Deming Park during Halloween.

Parks and cemeteries superintendent Pat Ralston accepted the Hulman gift saying, "We greatly appreciate what she and the Hulman family have done for us over the years. We think the tile floor in the solarium makes it first class" for accommodating the handicapped.

George is scheduled to inspect the new solarium today.

Ralston said the park department is acquiring native Indiana plants for the 11- by 16-foot solarium.

Ralston said the solarium eventually will be part of the Vigo County School Corp. environmental education program.

The Dobbs Park office was also expanded when the solarium was added.

In other business:

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Group hayrides

The park board decided to offer hayrides at Deming park by mid-September to groups at a cost of $25 per hour. This also will include the cost of firewood. The city will purchase two wagons and rebuild them for the rides.

Groups of 25 people can be accommodated on each of the two wagons. Ralston also said haunted hayrides costing 50 cents apiece will be offered in the park in the days before Halloween.

Ralston also said the recently inaugarated horse and buggy rides in Dobbs Park were well received, and the city park department now wants to buy a carriage and have someone with horses pull it for a fee. The rides will be offered next year from May to October.

Some golf fees rise

The user-fee increase at the city-operated golf courses will also apply to out-of-county groups using Dobbs Nature Center and possibly out-of-county users of city swimming pools.

"We've got to give a break to people who pay local taxes," said Ralston on the user fees. The city council directed the park department to initiate the user fee. There was no indication Wednesday of how much that fee would be.

Collette fest planned

The city park department will initiate a Victorian festival next year at Collett Park, the city's oldest which is on the National Register of Historic Places. Ralston said the festival will include music, arts, crafts and food.

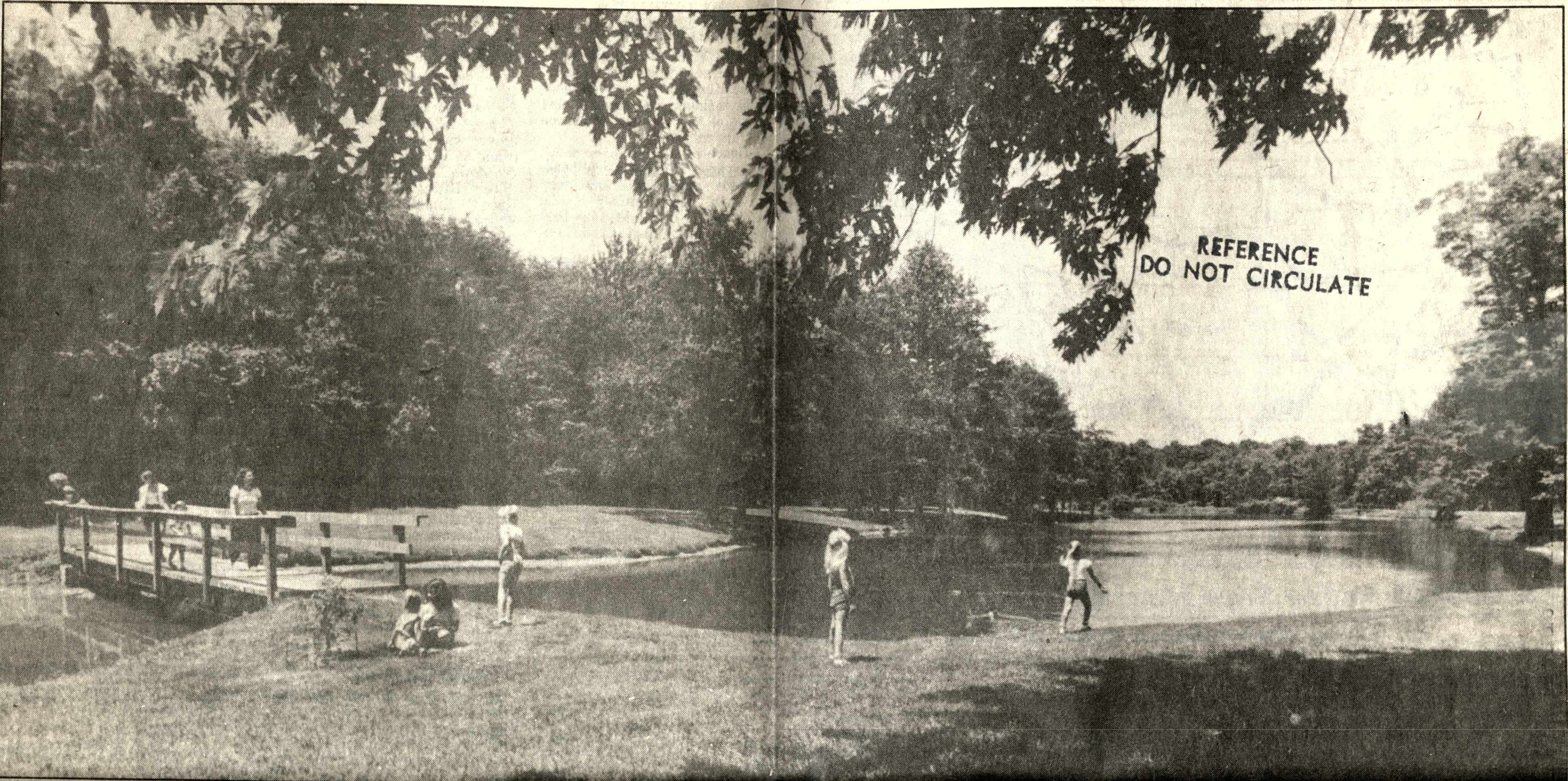
"This will promote neighborhood pride," said Ralston, who hopes to elicit help for the festival from neighborhood members.

Also at Collett Park, Ralston said the two pillars at the front of the park will be refurbished, and hopefully Public Service Indiana will help re-electrify the pillars.

3 truck bids taken

The board accepted a low $52,160 bid from Doan and Decker for three trucks. Two are pickups, and the third is a $34,020 garbage truck. MAB President Lee Roads has donated a new spruce tree for transplanting at Collett Park.

Community focus



Exploring nature: Kids get up-close and personal information about flora and faur

Tribune-Star/Jim Aveli

Tarantula tracking: Kamran Koie (left) and naturalist Karen Henman watch "Killer" move aroun inside his terrarium.

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Tribune-Star/Bob Poynter

Only you... Smokey the Bear, a forest fire fighter for years, greets Dobbs' visitors.

at Dobbs Nature Center.

Tribune-Star/Bob Poynter

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Dobbs Nature Center

Park staff teaches community about creatures in the woods

By Dave Delaney
Tribune-Star Staff Reporter

Dozens of birds scurry for seeds, while one chipmunk and one squirrel forage for their share of the goodies.

But the creatures of the woods were not alone. Peering through a large pane of glass, several youngsters took in this scene at the Dobbs Nature Center on the east edge of Terre Haute.

"We see all kinds of birds here," said Karen Henman, head naturalist at the only nature center in the Terre Haute area. The center is part of the Terre Haute Park and Recreation Department. Mary Beth Eberwein is another park naturalist.

Henman rattled off a long list of birds that periodically show up at the center's two observation windows: goshawk, scarlet tanager, Wilson's warbler and magnolia warbler. More common are cardinals, bluejays, mourning doves and grackles. During a typical year, more than 100 bird species may be observed at Dobbs, she said.

The center's main room has a large, stone fireplace that warms in winter. Exhibits line the walls ... showcasing snakes, turtles and fish. On one wall, four electronic identification devices test visitors' skills in identifying birds, animals, leaves and snakes.

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Boxes located around the main room contain various articles found in nature. Visitors are asked to stick their hands in the boxes and identify the contents ... by touch only.

Another case holds skulls of different native animals, including a hawk, raccoon, deer and rabbit. Atop the case sits the sign, *Skull Duggery*. On one wall is a large screen upon which films and slide shows are shown periodically.

Inside the center, visitors can observe a large cluster of bees that have been allowed to enter the building and establish a colony. By opening a wooden panel, hundreds of swarming bees can be studied.

Dobbs Park and Nature Center consists of 105 acres of ground that include a long, hook-shaped lake covering one and one-half acres. Fisherman take bluegill, catfish, bass and other species in their catches.

"We have lots of weddings on the bridge," said Henman of the brown, wooden bridge located near the south end of the lake.

In the park are 14 acres of never-logged virgin woods featuring 48 different kinds of trees and 323 known species of plants.

Fox squirrels build their nests in oak trees more than 100 years old. Naturalists have observed 114 different species of animals in the park including deer, raccoon, rabbit, opossum and many others.

A three-fourth-mile, self-guiding nature trail winds its way through the park with 20 marked stations describing all manner of trees.

Henman said the park may add a trail for the blind in the near future. "It would have tape-recorded messages at each station," she explained. Blind visitors would advance along the trail by following a series of ropes. Matching funds from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources would be needed for this trail to become a reality.

The park gets all kinds of visitors and the staff is willing to give free tours. "Each spring we get all the fourth-grade students in Vigo County," said Henman — that's about 2,000 youngsters. "Then in the fall we get all the sixth graders." The fourth graders study plants and insects; the sixth graders explore pond life.

Students from other communities also make the trip to Dobbs. "We get students from Paris and Marshall, Ill.," she said, "and from Brazil, Clay City, Sullivan and Staunton in Indiana."

Church and garden clubs also visit the center for tours, said Henman. Tour information is available by calling 877-1095.

Henman said they hope to get all Vigo County first graders this winter to teach them what animals do during cold months.

The center offers painting lessons several times a week.

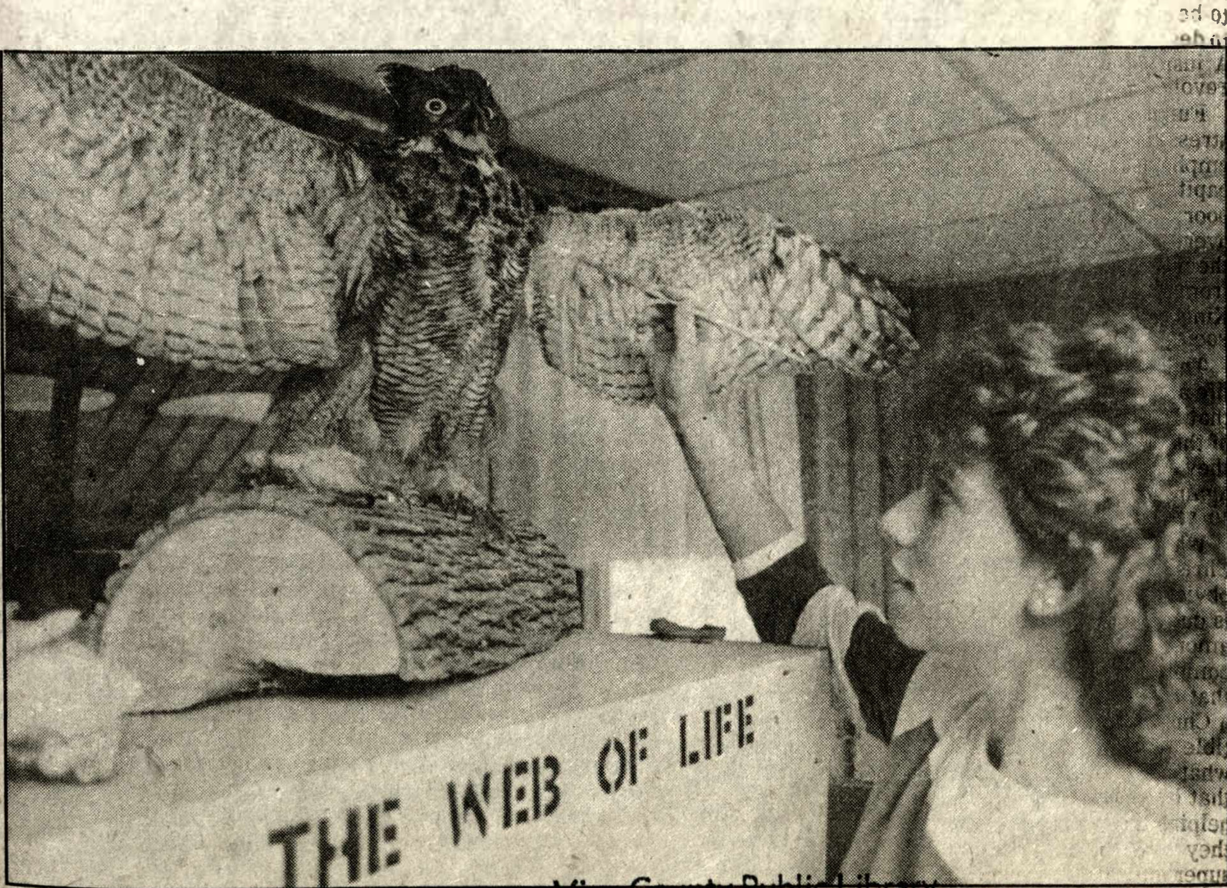
Dobbs has three shelters, and picnic tables are located throughout the park. The trails are excellent for cross-country skiing during the winter when skaters do their number on the pond ice.

South High School junior Debbie Anderson has worked as a naturalist's assistant at Dobbs the past two summers. "Lots of people call us and ask if they can bring animals out here they've found," said Anderson. She said those calls have resulted in the release of foxes, snakes, birds and other animals into the Dobbs woods.

On a recent warm afternoon, Debby Hickman brought her Rio Grande 4-H Club to the park for a guided nature hike.

"I love Dobbs Park," said Hickman. "It's clean and nice and a good place to visit." She said she has brought various groups to the center over the years.

In 1982, the Dobbs trails were included in the Department of Interior's National Park Service National Trail System. Dobbs thus has the distinction of being one of very few city owned natural areas in the United States.



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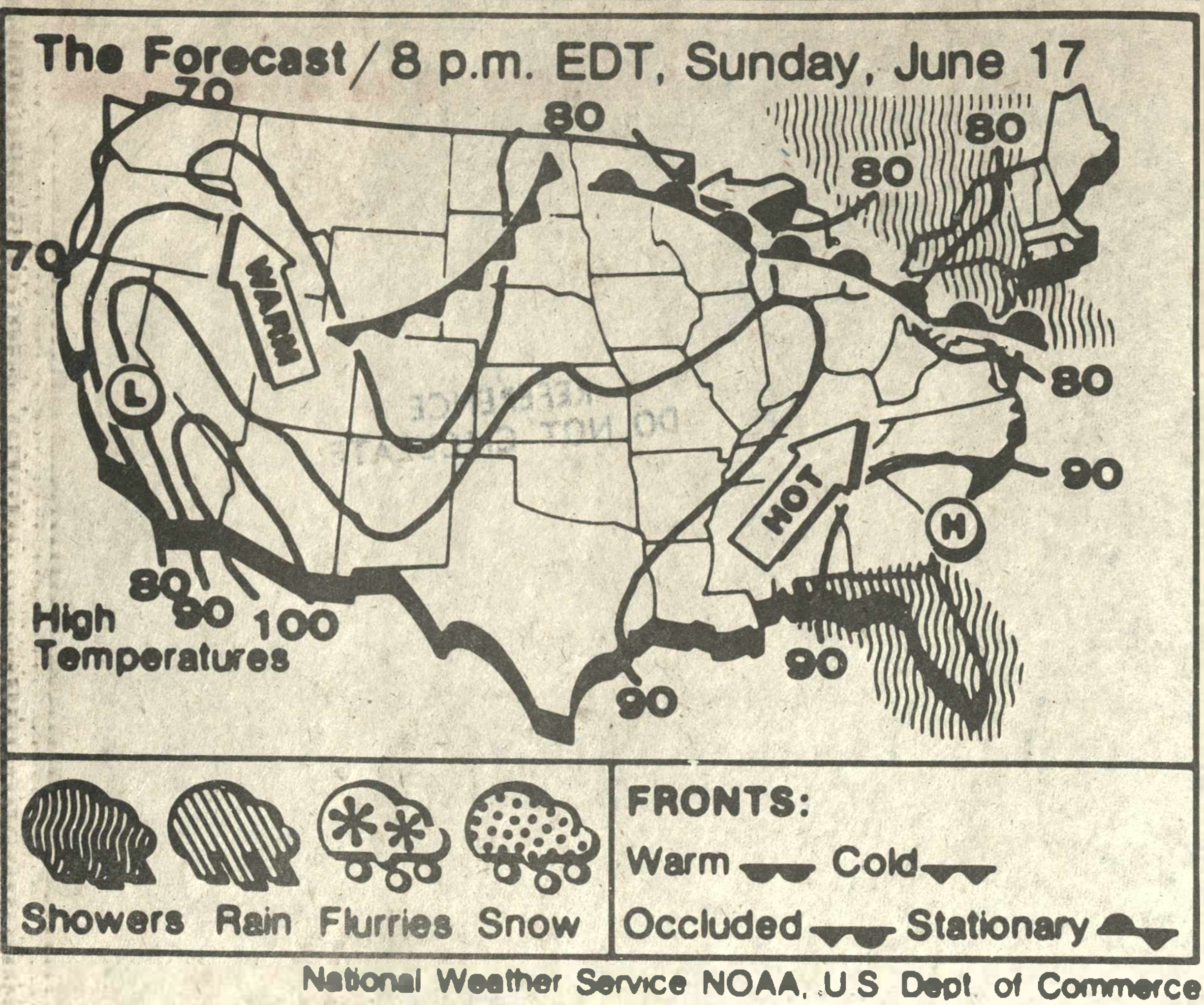
Feather duster: Debbie Anderson uses brush to clean stuffed owl's wing span.

Weather



National Weather Service NOAA, U.S Dept. of Commerce

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Weather forecast

The National Weather Service forecasts showers Sunday in parts of Vermont, New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Connecticut and New Jersey. Showers are also predicted in parts of Florida and Georgia.

Temperatures

By The Associated Press
Saturday

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 8 p.m. EDT.

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Albany	71	41		cdy
Albuquerque	87	58	.01	cdy
Amarillo	88	62		cdy
Anchorage	57	50	.24	cdy
Asheville	84	60		clr
Atlanta	92	72		clr
Atlantic City	73	59		cdy
Austin	93	70		cdy
Baltimore	66	59		clr
Billings	79	54	.03	cdy
Birmingham	90	71		cdy
Bismarck	81	60	.16	clr
Boise	75	55	.16	clr
Boston	66	55		cdy
Brownsville	90	72		cdy
Buffalo	78	45		cdy
Burlington, Vt.	72	41		cdy
Casper	83	48		clr
Charleston, S.C.	87	74		cdy
Charleston, W.V.	93	61	.01	cdy
Charlotte, N.C.	88	68	.90	clr
Cheyenne	76	49		cdy
Chicago	84	57		cdy
Cincinnati	87	66		cdy
Cleveland	76	53		cdy
Columbia, S.C.	95	70	.08	cdy
Columbus, Oh.	79	61	.02	cdy
Concord, N.H.	71	37		cdy
Dallas-Ft Worth	96	71		clr
Dayton	80	61		cdy
Denver	79	53	.01	clr
Des Moines	91	66	.19	clr
Detroit	77	51		rn
Duluth	66	48		cdy
El Paso	90	63	.69	cdy
Evansville	94	70	.01	cdy
Fairbanks	61	55	.02	rn
Fargo	77	69		clr
Flagstaff	73	33		cdy
Grand Rapids	77	51		rn
Great Falls	74	59	.05	clr
Greensboro, N.C.	80	67	.21	clr
Hartford	74	43		cdy
Helena	77	55		cdy
Honolulu	84	73		cdy
Houston	87	72		cdy
Indianapolis	87	69		cdy
Jackson, Ms.	88	73		cdy
Jacksonville	90	68		cdy
Juneau	55	44	.03	cdy
Kansas City	89	70		cdy
Las Vegas	94	65		clr
Little Rock	90	72		cdy
Los Angeles	73	63		clr
Louisville	90	72	.02	cdy
Lubbock	86	67		cdy
Memphis	89	74		clr
Miami Beach	77	71	3.12	cdy
Midlnd-Odessa	88	68		cdy
Milwaukee	69	51		cdy
Mpls-St Paul	70	62	.52	cdy
Nashville	92	69		clr
New Orleans	84	73	.06	rn
New York	75	58		rn
Norfolk, Va.	75	68		clr
North Platte	82	61	.78	cdy
Oklahoma City	92	68		cdy
Omaha	86	69	1.37	cdy
Orlando	83	71		cdy
Philadelphia	75	53		cdy
Phoenix	100	71		clr
Pittsburgh	75	52		clr
Portland, Me.	66	44		cdy
Portland, Or	66	48		cdy
Providence	71	48		cdy
Raleigh	83	67		clr
Rapid City	81	59	.10	cdy
Reno	83	47	.01	clr
Richmond	78	67	.04	clr
Sacramento	96	58		clr
St Louis	93	74		cdy
St Pete-Tampa	86	76		cdy
Salt Lake City	80	53		clr
San Antonio	92	72		cdy
San Diego	74	68		cdy
San Francisco	70	52		clr
San Juan, P.R.	88	74	1.38	cdy
St Ste Marie	77	45		rn
Seattle	62	50		cdy
Shreveport	89	70		rn
Sioux Falls	83	64	.72	cdy
Spokane	72	48		clr
Syracuse	74	43		cdy
Topeka	89	71		cdy
Tucson	98	67		cdy
Tulsa	95	75		cdy
Washington	66	63	.03	clr
Wichita	95	72		cdy
Wilkes-Barre	75	45		cdy

Conditions

Terre Haute

Wabash River. 4.8 feet, stationary.
(Terre Haute flood stage: 14 feet)
Yesterday's precipitation....... none
Month to date....................... none
Year to date.............. 16.51 inches
Yesterday's high.......... 95 degrees
Yesterday's low............ 73 degrees

Temperature and precipitation data supplied by Hulman Regional Airport flight service station.

Today's forecast Wabash Valley

Mostly sunny, hot and humid Sunday. A 20 percent chance for thunderstorms, mainly in the late afternoon. High in upper 80s to mid 90s. Warm with a 20 percent chance for evening thunderstorms and possibly after midnight Sunday. Low in upper 60s to low 70s. Partly cloudy and very warm Monday with a chance for thunderstorms. High in mid and upper 80s.

Extended forecast Wabash Valley

A chance of thunderstorms Tuesday through Thursday, with near or slightly above normal temperatures. Highs in the 80s to low 90s. Lows from the mid 50s to mid 60s.

Louisville forecast

Hazy, very warm and humid Sunday and Monday with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. The high both days in the lower 90s and the low Sunday night near 70.

Chicago forecast

Hot and humid Sunday, with partly sunny skies. High in the lower 90s. Partly cloudy, warm and humid Sunday night, with a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms late. Low around 70. Partly sunny, very warm and humid Monday, with a chance of thunder storms. High in the upper 80s.

Wet weather plagues Midwest

By The Associated Press

Showers and thunderstorms continued over much of the Midwest, the Ohio Valley and the Gulf of Mexico Coast on Saturday, driving more than 1,000 pepole from their homes in some areas.

The wet weather, which produced locally heavy rains in the mid-Missouri Valley overnight kept drifting across the upper Mississippi Valley after producing up to 8 inches of rain in southwestern Nebraska Friday night, and as much as 4 inches in eastern Nebraska.

Early Saturday, thunderstorms produced 2½ inches of rain in two hours at Boone in central Iowa. A flash flood watch was in effect all day for the western two-thirds of Iowa.

Showers and thunderstorms developed along much of the Gulf Coast Saturday morning, producing very heavy raims in southern Florida.

Showers and thunderstorms also were moving across eastern sections of Kentucky and Tennessee, and widely scattered showers were over Virginia, North Carolina and the Ohio Valley.

Showers were also widely scattered from the northern Rocky Mountains to the southern High Plains.

Skies were generally cloudy over the eastern half of the nation, while sunny skies prevailed West of the Rockies.

Missouri River overflows banks

By Associated Press

More than 1,000 people stayed away from their homes Saturday in Kansas and Missouri as the Missouri River spread out of its banks over thousands of acres of farmland following a week of thunderstorms, and more rain overnight forced evacuation of parts of Nebraska.

Flash flood watches were issued for eastern South Dakota, eastern Nebraska and the western two-thirds of Iowa after a night in which up to 4 inches of rain fell on parts of Nebraska.

Damage to property and crops in northwestern Missouri and northeastern Kansas rose past $100 million, according to estimates by various state officials. Both Missouri Gov. Christopher Bond and Kansas Gov. John Carlin appealed for federal disaster aid.

Authorities in Kansas and Missouri said the Missouri River — choked by up to 10 inches of rain over the past week — was leveling off Saturday, but a few more families were evacuated in isolated areas and more than 1,000 others stayed away from their homes.

"People are very leery about returning to their homes just yet," said Doreen Draper, communications officer for the sheriff's office in Platte County, Mo., just north of Kansas City.

The Missouri governor toured flooded areas by helicopter on Saturday, ending in the water-logged town of Bean Lake, where angry residents urged him to tour their town by boat to get a closer look at the damage.

Authorities on Friday ordered residents out of bottomlands along a 70-mile stretch on the Missouri side of the river from the Iowa border to north of St. Joseph, Mo.

But is it food?

Junkfood industry responds to changing consu

NEW YORK (NYT) — The food industry, always quick to respond to consumer whims, has become increasingly inventive in trying to appeal to the conflicting interests of American eaters. While "good nutrition" is now one of the industry's biggest selling points, some of the most popular new products are less nourishing than ever, and higher in fat and sugar than their more mundane counterparts.

"We've learned a lesson from Detroit — respond to the consumer or you go out of business," said James H. Moran, manager of public relations for the Campbell Soup Co., manufacturer of Pepperidge Farm products, Swanson's frozen dinners and Godiva chocolates as well as soup. "Consumers are telling us loud and clear what they want — fewer additives, less salt, sugar, fat and cholesterol, plus convenience."

The sales value of nutrition is evident in supermarkets and restaurants. About 30 percent of food advertisements now make health claims for their products, Federal Trade Commission surveys show. Shoppers can find canned vegetables without added salt, canned fruits without added sugar, seltzer as a low-sodium substitute for club soda, "lite" beer and wine, high-protein pasta, whole-grain breads and cereals, low-fat dairy products, reduced-sodium processed meats and even low-sodium crackers, potato chips and pretzels. The beef industry, in response to consumer demand for "lean" meat as well as to a declining market and rising production costs, persuaded fed
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'ANCOUVER, British Columbia
') — After 33 years of performing
'The King and I," Yul Brynner
s he is finally old enough to play
king of Siam without too much
from makeup.
I figure him to be in his 60s,"
Brynner, 63, whose bald head,
minent cheekbones and deep
e have been familiar in the
iter and in films since his first
earance in the Rogers and Ham-
stein classic.
That's how I played him original-
and it's very interesting to see,
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mpting to do the aging," said the
r, who is bringing his best-known
to Vancouver next month.
peaking from St. Louis, the
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aid. "The — as I refer to them
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e time, so I wound up in
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hn Ritter sells
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ASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — John
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e of his late father, country
c singer and movie star Tex
r, by an Iraqi native who plans
latial home on the site.
hib Al Haddadd, a Nashville
entrepreneur who has lived in the United States for more than 20 years, said he will build a $500,000 home on the 5.87-acre site near Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander's executive residence.

"I think the location is great, and the neighborhood is very important to me," Al Haddad said. "But the house was never kept in good condition. It was a lousy place, all run down."

Tex Ritter, who sang "High Noon," "Hillbilly Heaven" and "The Wayward Wind," and starred in 78 cowboy movies in the 1930s and '40s, died in 1973. The Ritter family has been living on the West Coast for some time.

Al Haddad, who made his money in the U.S. commodity markets, heads the Nashville-based Al Haddad Brothers Enterprises, primarily involved in international trade, with a significant portion of its business in agricultural commodities.

John Williams leaves famed Boston Pops

BOSTON (AP) — Other conductors tolerated paper airplanes and live lobsters on stage and traditions such as hissing at rehearsals. But when performers hissed at his music, Boston Pops' conductor John Williams called it quits.

Now the Boston Symphony Orchestra has less than a year to find a new conductor in time for the popular Pops' 1985 centennial — unless Williams reconsiders pleas by musicians that he stay.

"He did what everyone said couldn't be done — come up with a new way of doing the Pops that was not like (former conductor) Arthur Fiedler's way, but that the public liked," Boston Globe music critic Richard Dyer told The Associated Press.

"How anybody else can be ready to do that in time for the centennial I imagine is worrying everybody at Symphony Hall."

Most of the Pops musicians also are members of the Boston Symphony, and the two organizations use the same hall and share some offices.

All-woman crew makes first flight

DENVER (AP) — There was a time when just having Emily Warner aboard was extraordinary. As the first woman pilot for a major U.S. airline, Ms. Warner stood out when she first went to work for Frontier Airlines 12 years ago.

On Saturday, when Flight 244 took off for Lexington, Ky., Ms. Warner — now a Frontier captain — and First Officer Barbara Cook were at the controls — Frontier's first-ever all-woman cockpit crew, spokesman Bob Schulman said.

In the cabin of the Boeing 737 behind Ms. Warner and Ms. Cook, there was another sign of changing times. Flight attendants were Tim Griffin, Mark Becker and Ashley McQueen.

Illinois lottery

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Here are the winning numbers drawn in Saturday's Illinois Daily and Lotto games:

Daily: 7-8-9
Lotto:
02-03-26-30-32-39

Estimated Lotto grand prize pool: $3.5 million

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ANHATTAN BEACH, Calif.
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chool children surrendered
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waiting for her, authorities

ibette Spitler quietly sur-
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Hollywood sheriff's station and
taken to Sybil Brand women's
in East Los Angeles, sheriff's
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bench warrant was issued for
Spitler's arrest Friday, a day
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a Court of Appeal decision
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Reference is made to our "SEARS Sizzling Summer Sale" tabloid to be delivered Sunday June 17th in the Tribune.

The following items are not available:

Pg. 6—One pound bag of cashews.
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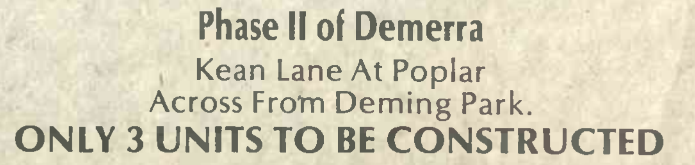

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By MARY ANNE PIERCE
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A proposal to protect one of the rarest types of forests in Indiana and develop it for eduation purposes will be presented to City Park Supt. Pat Dougherty and members of the Terre Haute Park Board.

John Sheehan, planner with the West Central Indiana Economic Development District, and Keith Ruble, naturalist with the Vigo County Park and Recreation Department, have prepared the plan for Dobbs Park located just off State Road 46 on Poplar St.

With the assistance of the Dobbs Park Nature Area Committee, Sheehan and Ruble will recommend using the northwest section of the land as a nature area. Their recommendation is made on advice gathered from committee members, representatives of the Audubon Society, the Vigo County School Corporation, HELP, Indiana State University and park officials.

Serving on the comittee were Pearl Estlinger, Marie Fox, Katherine Weffenstette and Paul Kelly.

Cost estimates for the project are $1,500 for the nature area and between $9,000 and $11,000 for construction of an herbarium.

Ruble described the herbarium as a collection of dried plants native to this area, trees, leaves and bark, "anything that involves the world of nature." The building will be constructed adjacent to the nature area and designed to blend with the surroundings. Both the nature area and herbarium will be designed with the handicapped in mind.

Walkways and doorways will be built to accommodate wheel chairs and crutches. Certain displays will be provided for blind children to handle and feel and placed at wheelchair level.

The overwhelming response from schools to a similar project at Hunt's Nature Center south of Terre Haute indicates a more centralized location would be utilized by Vigo schools, according to a survey taken by Ruble. Teachers responded very favorably to possible academic utilization of Dobbs Park.

Sheehan said:

"It is not important that this be done immediately. But getting the nature area protected and using it in a way to prevent endangering the ecological makeup is important."

Both men said there has been indiscriminate cutting of trees and damage to the area in the past.

Ruble said: "The acreage of Dobbs Park has one of the rarest types of forest in Indiana, called a climax forest, or growth that has reached the final stage of biotic succession. The next move will be for the trees to fall and the cycle to begin all over again. Only about .06 of all Indiana land is natural or climax area. This area is like an encyclopedia as far as forest areas go. Every type of information is there.

"The trees in the nature area are between 100 and 200 years old. It is undisturbed like the pioneers would have found it."

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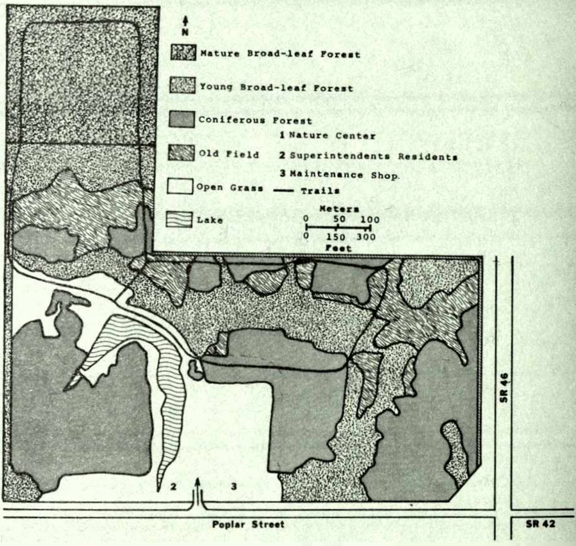
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ALL PROGRAMS SCHEDULED AT 2:00 PM UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED

MAY 30 (Monday) MEMORIAL DAY

2:00 pm - Snake Show: Find out about our cold-blooded friends.

3:00 pm - Edible Wild Plants Show and Hike. An easy walk to find some edible plants that grow in your own backyard.

JUNE 1 (Wednesday)

Wildflower Ramble and Mushroom Hunt: to see the last of spring.

3 (Friday)

Herbal Medicines Show and Hike: Growing bald? got a cold? Heal yourself!

4 (Saturday)
Changing Forest: Time waits for no one, especially in nature. A hike.

5 (Sunday)
Virgin Timber Hike: A smooth walk through a woods that's never been cut.

8 (Wednesday)
How does your Garden Grow? A hike of helpful hints on what grows where best.

10 (Friday)
How to Bring Wildlife to your Home: What to plant to attract birds, etc. A talk and walk.

11 (Saturday)
Camping Savvy: A show demonstrating woodsmen's tricks of the trade.

12 (Sunday)
Nature Ramble: An easy walk and general talk about whatever we see.

15 (Wednesday)
Tree Walk. Ever seen a tree walk? It's a breeze to know the trees!

17 (Friday)
More than just Dirt: The different soil types here and what they'll grow.

18 (Saturday)
Lake Life: So you'd like to go swimming in that lake? See what lives there first!

19 (Sunday)
Animal Tracks: When you don't see the animals, how can you tell they live there? A one-hour hike.

22 (Wednesday)
Habitat Hike: We'll see where the animals live and how to find them.

24 (Friday)
Wilderness Hike: We won't be following set trails so be prepared!

25 (Saturday)
Trailside Medicines: A short walk to see some forestry first-aid.

26 (Sunday)
Pine Forest Walk: A stroll across the bridge to find what lives on the island.

29 (Wednesday)
Skullduggery: Talk about animal skulls and the art of preparing hides.

JULY 1 (Friday)
Rovin' Reptiles: A talk about cold-blooded animals and a snake show!

2 (Saturday)
8:00 am - Early Bird Walk: You gotta get up when they do to see them.
2:00 pm - Edible Wild Plants: See, feel and taste Ma Nature's food.

3 (Sunday)
2:00 pm - Pioneer History Hike: What this land looked like to the settlers.
8:00 pm - Night Hike: Ever been in the woods at night? Who-o-o will we see? Bring a flashlight and good walking shoes.

4 (Monday) FOURTH OF JULY!!!
9:00 am to noon - FISHING CONTEST for those under 15. Prizes will be awarded for the biggest and the most fish.
2:00 pm - Nature Ramble: An easy walk (for those of us over 15!).

6 (Wednesday)
Put a Little Wildlife in Your Backyard: A talk and 45-minute walk.

8 (Friday)
More than Just Dirt: What the land looks like under the surface.

9 (Saturday)
How Does Your Garden Grow?: Resident green thumbs will give you helpful hints on how to raise a bumper crop ORGANICALLY!

10 (Sunday)
Herbal Medicines: A slide show revealing secrets your grandmother knew.

13 (Wednesday)
Birds of a Feather: A sound and slide show telling you about our feathered friends.

15 (Friday)
Changing Forest Hike: Do you know what "succession" is? Find out!

16 (Saturday)
Virgin Timber Hike: Big trees grow in abundance here - your chance to see them and their residents. An easy 1 hour walk.

17 (Sunday)
Habitat Hike: Discover hidden animal homes in this 1 1/2 hour hike.

20 (Wednesday)
Rolling Rock Walk: We'll go waaaaay back in the past and do some DECOUPAGE too.

22 (Friday)
Tree Walk: What's the difference between a sassafras and sycamore?

23 (Saturday)
Insects, Friends or Foes?: A talk about telling the difference and how to control our greatest enemies.

24 (Sunday)
Owl Prowl and Animal Track Hunt: A 1 1/2 hour walk.

27 (Wednesday)
Wildflower Hour: Slides and music and a demonstration on preserving flowers.

29 (Friday)
Camping Savvy: What to take on your next trip and what to avoid.

30 (Saturday)
Green Earth: A mini-hike to explore the world beneath our feet.

31 (Sunday)
Nature Ramble: What's new in the park?

AUGUST 3 (Wednesday)
In Cold Blood: The origins of our friends, the reptiles. A show.

4 (Thursday)
Five Senses Hike: Find out about nature without using your eyes. Come prepared to have fun!

5 (Friday)
Furry Friends: A talk about our own group of animals - the mammals.

6 (Saturday)
8:00 am - Early Bird Walk. The early bird catches the . . .?
2:00 pm - Terrarium Building Workshop. Bring a large jar and we'll tame some wild plants.

7 (Sunday)
Trailside Medicines: A short hike to see what medicines grow around here.

10 (Wednesday)
Lake life Stream Stomp: Come prepared to get a little wet!

11 (Thursday)

Habitat Hike: How to encourage animals to live around your home. 1 1/2 hours.

12 (Friday)

Wilderness Walk: We'll do some bushwhacking off the beaten path.

13 (Saturday)

Nature Preserve Walk: An easy stroll to the most unique area of our park.

14 (Sunday)

Feathered Friends: Learn to identify birds and their songs. Slide show.

17 (Wednesday)

The World of Insects: Will they be next to conquer the world? Slide show.

18 (Thursday)

Pine Forest Walk: A pleasant afternoon stroll, approximately one hour.

19 (Friday)

Tree Identification Walk: You too can become an expert.

20 (Saturday)

Edible Wild Foods Talk and Brunch: It's cheaper than the grocery store!

21 (Sunday)

Nature Ramble: You'll never know what we may find.

24 (Wednesday)

Animal Tracking: They leave their signs everywhere; a one-hour walk.

25 (Thursday)

History Hike: A look at Dobbs from 400 million years ago to the present.

26 (Friday)

Herbal Medicines: Free for the taking from Ma Nature's medicine chest.

27 (Saturday)

Plants without Flowers: A short slide talk and afterwards, a MUSHROOM HUNT (yes, they do grow in the fall).

28 (Sunday)

Skullduggery: Who will be the fossils of the future? See what those scientists will see.

31 (Wednesday)

Fall Wildflower Hour: A talk and one hour walk to see what's blooming.

SEPTEMBER 1 (Thursday)

Green Earth: A mini-hike to explore the world beneath our feet.

2 (Friday)

Animal Foods Hike: How do animals survive the winter?

3 (Saturday)

Changing Colors: Nature's getting ready for her most spectucalar show. A short hike to identify various trees.

4 (Sunday)

9:00 am to noon - Fishing Contest for those under 15. Prizes will be awarded for the biggest and the most fish.

8:00 pm - Night Hike: A half-hour talk and hour walk on a very safe trail. Bring a flashlight.

5 (Monday) LABOR DAY

Pioneer History Hike: See this land as the Indians and settlers saw it.

Programs are designed with all age groups in mind. For more information or to schedule a special activity, call the Dobbs Park Nature Center: 877-1095.

Weekdays, June 6 to July 18, 8:00 to 11:00 AM tne nature center will be used for summer school classes in cooperation between the Terre Haute Parks and Recreation Department and the Vigo County School Corporation.

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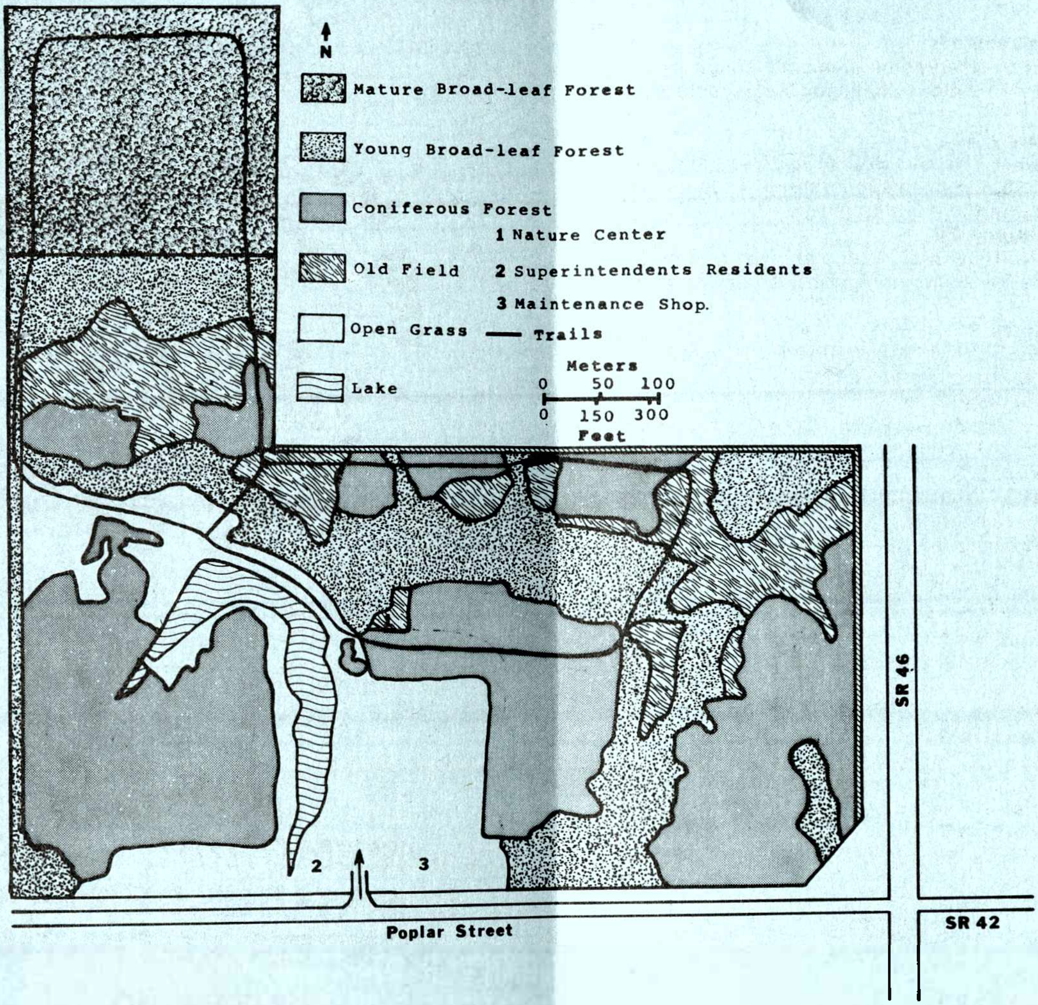
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Saturday, December 1
HABITAT HIKE. Dobbs is a good place for animals to live, even in the winter. Learn why and where on this hour-long hike.

Sunday, December 2
HIBERNATION. Slides on our furry relatives, the mammals, and how they spend the winter.

Saturday, December 8
WHERE HAVE ALL THE BUGS GONE? What happens to those six-legged friends and foes in the winter? Find out in this slide show and short hike.

Sunday, December 9
FIRE BUILDING. Which woods should you use to keep warm? Be sure to bring marshmallows!

Saturday, December 15
WINTER BIRDS. Come see our feathered friends both on slides and in person at our feeder.

Sunday, December 16
TREE WALK. Come admire all the kinds of trees at Dobbs in their naked winter beauty on this hour-long hike.

Saturday, December 22
AMERICA'S FAVORITE TREES. We'll find out what pine trees are used for besides Christmas decorations and take a short hike to see the Dobbs pines.

Sunday, December 23
HUNTERS OF THE AIR. A slide program on our fabulous birds of prey.

Saturday, December 29
BIRD FEEDING WORKSHOP. Learn what to feed which birds and make some treats for them!

Sunday, December 30
SUCCESSIONAL WALK. What does succession mean? You can watch the changes in our land unfold before your eyes. Dress warmly.

Saturday, January 5
DISCOVERY HIKE. A hike to see what's going on in Dobbs Park on a cold winter day. Dress warmly for this hike.

Sunday, January 6
BACKYARD WILDLIFE. Even the smallest yard can have wildlife. Find out what you may have and what you could have. Slide show and talk.

Saturday, January 12
WHO GOES THERE? From tracks in mud or snow we'll find out which animals are out and about at Dobbs. Bundle up for this hike.

Sunday, January 13
WINTER RESIDENTS. Who stays here in winter, what do they eat and how do they keep warm? A ½-hour talk and ½-hour hike.

Saturday, January 19
BARK OF TREES. Need some liniment? cough syrup? breath freshener? Find out what uses our ancestors had for our trees.

Sunday, January 20
WHO'S AFRAID OF THE BIG BAD WOLF? This slide program takes a look at our misunderstood predators and their importance in the world of nature.

Saturday, January 26
6:30 P.M. STAR PROGRAM. After a short slide program, we'll go outside for some star-gazing, so come warmly dressed.

Sunday, January 27
SLEEPING TREES. How plants survive the winter and some winter tree identification tips.

Saturday, February 2
SEASON SUITE. The music of John Denver and slides of our area. A beautiful program.

Sunday, February 3
ANIMAL HOMES. Where did the animals spend the winter? See where on this hour-long hike. Dress warmly.

Saturday, February 9
NATURE CRAFTS. We supply the materials, you supply the ideas. Bring a container if you want to make an arrangement.

Sunday, February 10
WOODN'T YOU KNOW. Trees are used for many things besides burning as firewood. Come learn on this slide show and short hike.

Saturday, February 16
WINTER TREE IDENTIFICATION. Yes, you can tell what trees are without their leaves! Learn how on this hike. Bundle up!

Sunday, February 17
THE SAP OF TREES. How to tap a maple, how to make sassafras tea.

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BIRD HOUSE BUILDING WORKSHOP. Prepare for summer by making homes for the birds now. Bring a hammer and screwdriver.

Sunday, February 24
WILDFLOWER POWER. A preview of the spring wildflowers and short hike to see the early beauties.

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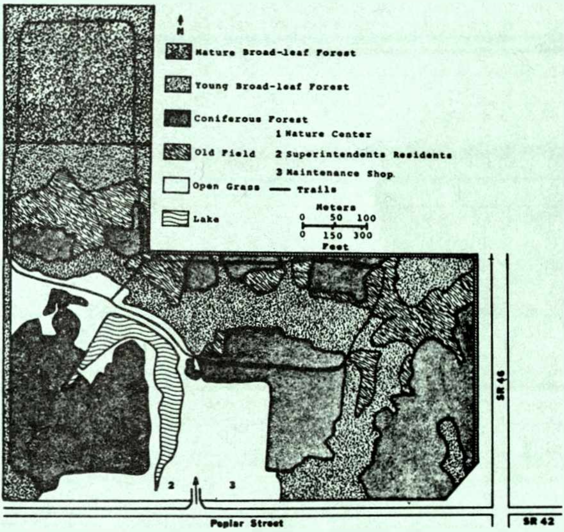
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Sunday, March 4
INDIANS BEFORE COLUMBUS. Indiana's pre-history -- who lived here and why. A walk and talk.

Saturday, March 10
FURRY FRIENDS. Now that hibernation is over for most, we'll take a look at our own group of animals, the mammals.

Sunday, March 11
SUCCESSIONAL JOURNEY. From weeds to trees and how it happens. An easy, rambling walk through Dobbs.

Saturday, March 17
BACKYARD WILDLIFE. What do you want and how do you get it there? A short talk and hour walk.

Sunday, March 18
CAVES OF INDIANA. A slide show and talk, including equipment used to explore Indiana's underworld.

Saturday, March 24
FEATHERED FRIENDS. Get ready to identify the summer

SP, director of admissions at St. Mary's, and Mrs. Peggy McNutt, Denver, Colo.

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Announce Changes at Dobbs Park

Parks + Recreation Misc.

A change in the recreation development of Dobbs Park was reported Monday as preparations were under way to turn 80 camper sities into a multipurpose playing field.

Pat Dougherty, city park superintendent, said:

"We've gotten into the camper business and that isn't where we belong. But, we need additional play areas and the (park) board decided we can build a good one here (in Dobbs Park)."

Dougherty went on to report that existing playing fields in other parks haven't met an increasing demand for such facilities, while camper sites at Dobbs have gone begging much of the time.

Camping enthusiasts, on hearing of the change, have stated objecting, saying that the use of Dobbs by campers is on the increase and offers a growing advantage, both to local campers and to the city generally from transients who spend money here.

However, Dougherty says that only about a dozen sites were in use this past summer for most of the time, except for a couple of special gatherings. He said there were about 30 units there on one weekend and 40 another time. He reported that camping facilities have included 80 electric water hookup points and five septic connections with a dumping station for self-contained campers with "indoor plumbing."

He also expressed appreciation for the concern of some local campers, noting that the Vigo Highlanders had assisted in some improvements realized.

Dougherty reported further that while the change underway in the open field area of the park is expected to improve the use of the park, more important improvements will be forthcoming in the development of the nature study area for which federal assistance has been obtained.

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Trial

Murder Trial Starts Tuesday

Jury selection is scheduled to take a full day Tuesday when the first degree murder trial of William T. Robertson, 21, 2361 Jefferson St., begins.

Robertson, who will be defended by Attorney Charles Vincent, is accused of the fatal shooting of 21-year-old Daniel Duby, 21, at 1622 S. 3rd St., Duby's residence.

Indicted by a Vigo County Grand Jury on the first degree murder charge, Robertson entered a not guilty plea Aug. 11.

A special venire has been called with 40 county residents to report for jury duty Tuesday morning, and an additional 20 called for 1 p.m.

VANDALS BREAK FIFTY WINDOWS

Fifty windows were broken out of the Shanks Motor Co. building at 2100 Wabash Ave., according to Tom Sharai who filed the complaint of weekend vandalism with police.

He said he rents the structure and reported the windows included many one-foot square panes and a large plate glass window. The vandalism was said to have occured early Sunday.

NTH VOLUNTEERS RESCUE MAN

A North Terre Haute man spent an uncomfortable hour wedged underneath his house Sunday while members of the North Terre Haute Volunteer Fire Department worked to free him.

John House of 3927 Markle Ave., North Terre Haute, became wedged between the floor joints of a room addition he was building shortly before noon. He had been attempting to install a heating duct in a tight crawl space.

Members of the emergency unit of the department administered oxygen to him while others sawed a hole in the floor above to free House. He was treated and released at Union Hospital.

DR. MYONG-KU-AHN RECEIVES GRANT

Dr. Myong-Ku Ahn of the Indiana State University Department of Chemistry has received a Petroleum Research Fund grant from the American Chemical Society for individual fundamental research in chemistry. His project deals with ESR Line Shapes of Ion-Pair Association-Dissociation Equilibria.

The Petroleum Research Fund was established in 1944 by an agreement among several major oil companies and is administered by the ACS.

Dr. Ahn's grant will cover a three-year period beginning in 1972. Dr. Ahn is a graduate of Williams College and received his Ph.D. degree from Yale University. He has been at ISU since 1970.

EARLY MORNING BURGLARY PROBED

Police are probing an early morning burglary at the Tasty Creme Donut Shop, 1842 S. 3rd St.

Dick Comer, 36 Avalon Dr., owner of the shop, told investigators that someone smashed a window on the north side of the building to gain entrance and took $179.87 in cash from a hiding place.

He said the breakin occurred sometime between 9 p.m. Sunday and 3:30 a. m. Monday.

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Larrison Gives His Views on Clerk's Office

Vigo County Clerk Leland Larrison said Monday that a proposal by his Democratic opponent to computerize support desk operations would be unnecessary when the three clerks now working that desk can handle the job.

Republican Larrison, who will face Democrat William Roach on the Nov. 7 ballot, also commented on Roach's charges that the clerk's office is inefficient.

"He (Roach) criticized the operation of the clerk's office, but he apparently doesn't know anything about the operation of the office," commented the incumbent clerk who was appointed to the post Jan. 1, 1972, by Gov. Edgar Whitcomb.

Roach's proposal, which was unveiled last week, calls for installation of computer operations at the county support desk which handles over $1.5 million annually. The Democrat said that the jobs of at least two clerks would be eliminated.

Presently three clerks handle work at the desk, according to Larrison, doing bookkeeping, answering the phone and receiving payments.

"While I am very much in favor of laying off people who are not needed, judging from my previous experience with computers, I don't see how it would decrease the work force," Larrison noted.

The county clerk said that the present clerks handle between 1,500 to 1,600 cases and that they are not working at full capacity. He stated that although the divorce rate is increasing, he did not foresee a need to either increase the work force at the support desk or install a computer.

He also pointed out that in addition to the basic cost of $5,000 which Roach quoted, personnel would have to be trained and that such training would command higher salaries. Clerks now receive betwe
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Thieu has been reported distrustful of the efforts of U.S.

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The Weather

By National Weather Service

(Weather Map on Page 3.)

6 a.m.	22	Noon	39
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River Stage, 13.2 ft., falling.

LOCAL CONDITIONS.

Highest temperature yesterday, 40; lowest temperature last night, 21.

Precipitation: None.

FORECAST.

TERRE HAUTE AND VICINITY — Partly cloudy and cold tonight. Increasing cloudiness Thursday with little change in temperature. Lows tonight low 20s. Highs Thursday mid 30s. Precipitation probability percentages 5 tonight and 20 Thursday.

INDIANA — Fair to partly cloudy and cold tonight, lows in the low to mid 20s. Increasing cloudiness with little change in temperature Thursday, highs in the mid to upper 30s. Chance of rain: 5 per cent tonight. 10-20 per cent Thursday.

ILLINOIS — Fair and cold tonight. Low in the mid 20s. Thursday partly sunny and warmer. High in the low or mid 40s.

Dirt count: 43 micrograms of dirt per cubic meter of air. (Average daily count in 1971 was 62).

Sunrise, 7:49 a.m.; sunset, 5:27 p.m.

Temperature street thermometer, 6 a.m., 21; 2 p.m., 39.

Of Leadership

By ROBERT A. DOBKIN

WASHINGTON (AP) — Elliot L. Richardson will bring a new style of leadership to the Pentagon as secretary of Defense as well as a new management team in what is certain to be a wholesale reshuffling of top defense officials.

Aside from the immediate problems of the new budget and the old war, one of the first tasks facing the new secretary will be to rebuild the Pentagon leadership from the top down.

Richardson, now secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, is likely to draw on his present staff when he moves across the Potomac River from HEW on Jan. 20. Among them is likely to be Jonathan Moore, 39, said to be Richardson's alter ego at HEW and himself a former Pentagon official under Robert McNamara.

There will be a number of key jobs to fill as several officials, some holdovers from the Johnson administration who agreed to stay on under Melvin Laird, have already indicated a desire to leave.

Richardson will have help

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HUD Secretary

By FRANK CORMIER

CAMP DAVID, Md. (AP) — President Nixon, promising new second-term Cabinet appointments today, says his aim is to "bring fresh perspective and new vitality to the second four years of his administration."

In the first announcement Tuesday of three Cabinet-level shifts, Nixon unveiled two nominees and one appointee long associated with his tenure.

One possible appointment for today is a new secretary of Housing and Urban development. George Romney, who directed HUD throughout the first Nixon term, announced Monday he is resigning.

Presidential Press Secretary Ronald Ziegler stood before television cameras Tuesday in a cavernous helicopter hangar at the presidential retreat here to announce in Nixon's behalf the first three personnel changes in a promised major shakeup of the federal bureaucracy:

—Elliot Richardson, now Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, will be nominated to be secretary of defense to succeed Melvin R. Laird who resigned.

—Caspar Weinberger, now director of the Office of Management and Budget, will be nominated to succeed Richardson as chief of HEW, a sprawling agency that more than one observer has judged to be unmanageable.

—Millionaire California industrialist Roy Ash, president of Litton Industries Inc. of Beverly Hills, Calif., is being appointed to succeed Weinberger as head of OMB. The agency was created on the recommendation of a Nixon administration advisory council Ash headed more than two years ago.

Ziegler said Weinberger, at HEW, would be expected to

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Parks + Rec

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Dobbs Park Stand Told By Dougherty

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Terre Haute Park Supterintendent Pat Dougherty said Wednesday that, providing the Park Board approves the plan, his department will turn Dobbs Park into a nature area.

The Perk department recently announced plans to remove eighty camping spots from the east side park.

Originally, Dougherty had planned to replace the campsites with a sports area for basketball, football and baseball. Since then new circumstances have arisen. Dougherty explained the situation:

"We recently looked closely at the deed and will from the Dobbs family. In the deed it specifies that the land given to the city to create Dobbs Park will be used only for a nature area.

"The will states that the land will be used to plant trees, shrubs and other plants. It specifically says there should be no commercialization of the area whatsoever.

"What I think should be done, providing I get the approval of the Park Board, is to plant trees and shrubs native to Indiana.

"Dobbs Park would then be a good place for school children to come and learn about nature and plants that are unique to their own state."

The Park Board will consider the new plans for Dobbs Park next Tuesday morning.

Dougherty also says he plans to submit applications for federal funds to help finance the restructuring of Dobbs.

On another matter, Dougherty

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BASKET FUND BEGINS TO GROW

Cash donations to the Tribune-Star Basket Fund will help make Christmas happy for many needy families in the community. Donors are asked to bring contributions to the office of the Tribune-Star, 721 Wabash Ave. All donations will be published.

Donations to the Tribune-Star Fund to provide Christmas baskets for the needy in the city and Vigo County follow:

Previously reported	$553.00
Don Coverstone	25.00
Friend	5.00
Robert Clark	25.00
A Friend (M.E.)	2.00
Total	$610.00

Persons who wish to receive baskets must make application in person between Monday, Dec. 4 and Friday, Dec. 15, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., to one of the following agencies: The Salvation Army, 19th and Locust streets; Light House Mission, 12th and Eagle streets; Planned Parenthood, 1024 S. 6th St.; Lockport Housing Project, 1130 Lockport Rd.; Big Brothers-Big Sister, 22 S. 8th St., and Hyte Community Center, 13th and College Ave.

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Current News

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Atlanta, Ga., told the municipal leaders they "share very centrally in the credit for bringing that legislation to victory against long odds. You and the people you serve will also share in its fruits beginning early next month when the first checks in the 5-year, $30 billion General Revenue Sharing program should start to arrive at city halls and statehouses across the country."

"You Have The Ball"

The President said: "This new money can mean that state and local governments finally have a chance to put the ball in play and take the offensive to solve their own problems in their own way. Now that you have the ball, it is up to you to score with it. By proving quickly and decisively that the revenue sharing principle really works, we can block any attempts to vitiate this principle on the part of those who still believe that Washington bureaucrats know better than the people at the grassroots."

"Some solid initial successes for General Revenue Sharing would also be the most persuasive argument which we could present for prompt congressional action on our further agenda to revitalize the Federal system, including Special Revenue Sharing, executive branch reorganization and welfare reform."

Nixon told the mayors that "the entensive reorganization and long-range planning effort

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NOW YOU KNOW

By United Press International

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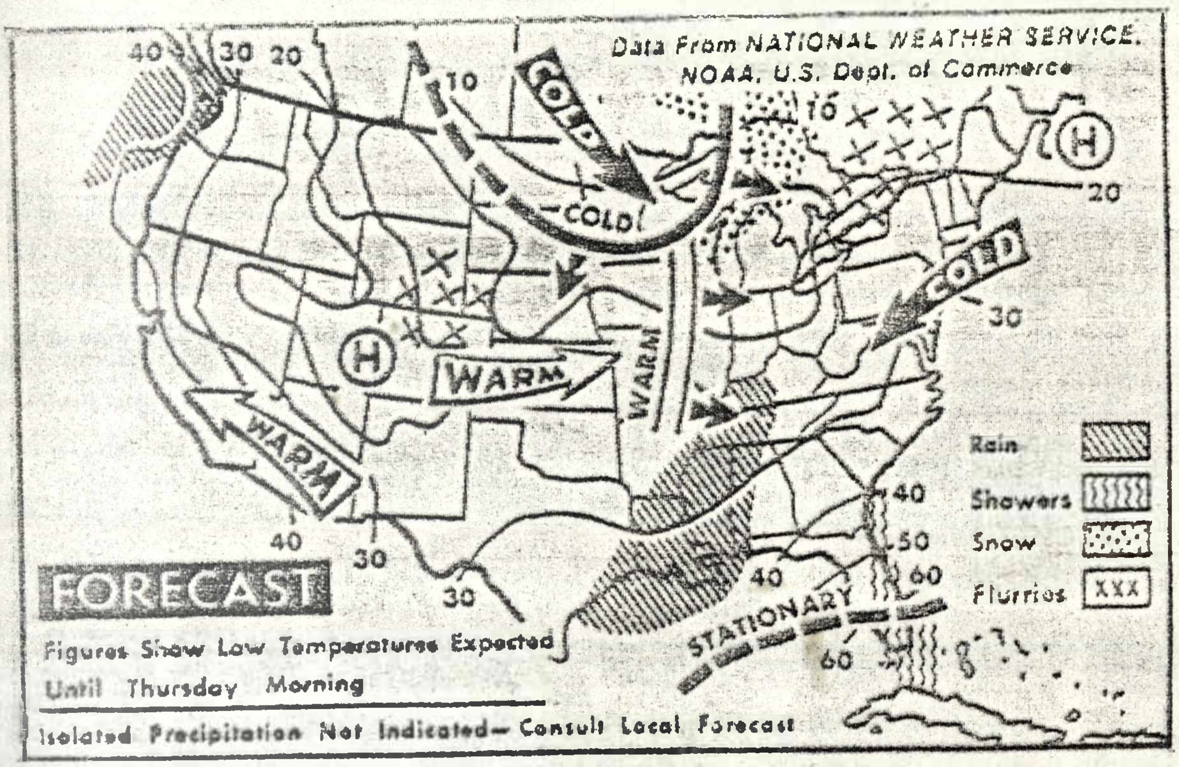

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FREAK ACCIDENT

LINDAU, Germany (UPI) — A truck's tailgate bolt came apart Tuesday, loosening an iron bar which police said struck and killed a woman pedestrian. The driver didn't realize it until a motorist who witnessed the accident managed to pass the truck and flag it down.

The trucker, not identified by police, turned his vehicle around to return to the scene of the accident and on the way back, police said, the iron bar—still sticking out one side of the truck—struck and killed two more women.

Soviet-Made

Snow Tapers Off in Area Of Northeast

By United Press International

Snow stretched across the Great Lakes and the Upper Mississippi Valley today but tapered off in the Northeast.

Travelers' advisories were in effect for the mountains of eastern New York, all of Vermont and western Massachusetts as snow made driving hazardous.

Light snow, with accumulations of generally less than one inch, spread through the Great

EXTENDED OUTLOOK

INDIANA—Mostly cloudy Friday through Sunday, with a chance of snow or rain in the north late Friday and rain over the state Saturday. Colder Sunday, with a chance of showers in the north changing to snow flurries. Highs in the mid 40s to low 50s, lowering to the low 30s in the north to the 40s in the south Sunday. Lows in the 20s, rising into the 30s Saturday and falling into the 20s in the north and low 30s in the south Sunday.

ILLINOIS — Variable cloudiness Friday through Sunday with chance of a little rain or snow around Saturday. Highs from the mid 40s to the upper 50s and lows mostly in the 30s Friday and Saturday. Colder around Sunday with highs from around 30 extreme north to around 50 extreme south and lows from the low 20s extreme northwest to the upper 30s extreme south.

BREAKFAST CLUB TO HOST TEAM

Members of the North Vigo High School state champion cross country team will be guests of the Breakfast Optimist Club of Northside Terre Haute at 7:30 a.m. Thursday at the Trolley Stop Cafeteria. Larry Helman is president of the club.

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Dobbs Park

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Wednesday explained the reasons for the increase in the green fees and season ticket prices for the upcoming year at the Rea Park golf course.

"The increases may be considered high, but our costs are going to be and are much higher than before. All the fairways are going to be watered and this is the first year we are offering reduced rates for senior citizens," he noted.

The watering of the fairways will be the main expense, costing thousands of dollars per hole. Senior citizens will be able to buy a season ticket for $25, a reduction of $15 over last year. Women will be eligible for senior tickets at age 62 and men at age 65.

Dougherty added that the daily greens fees will drop by fifty cents after 4 p.m. each day, noting that most men don't get on the course until between 4 and 5 p.m.

A couples (man and wife) season ticket for the southside city golf course will cost $75, a savings of $15 over individual ducats.

Dougherty said:

"While the fees may be a little higher this year, the services and benefits returned highly outweigh the costs."

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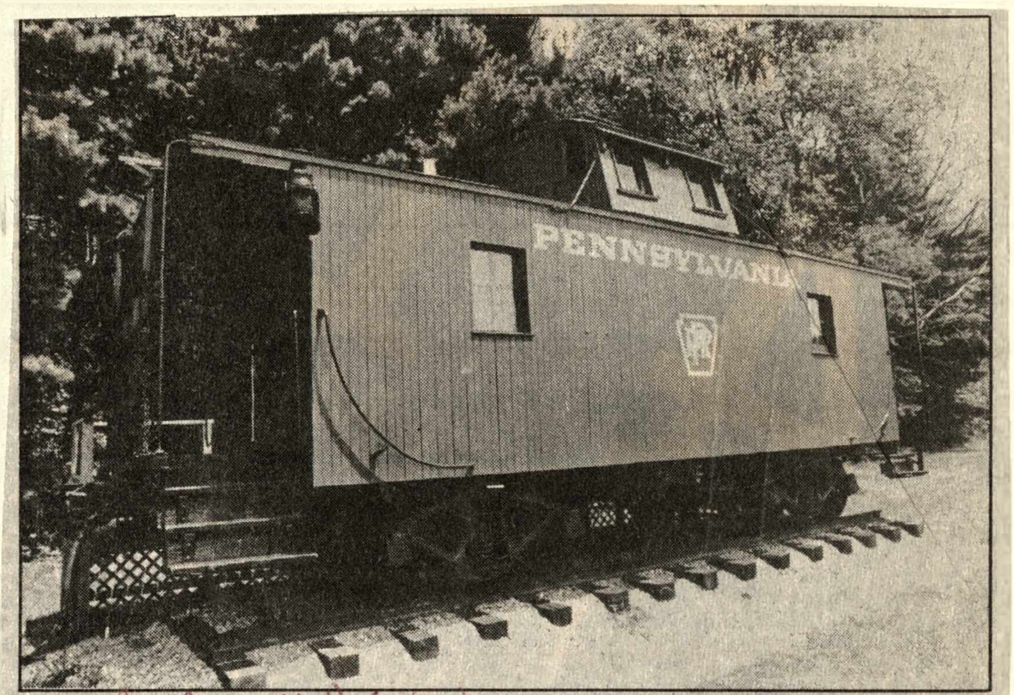

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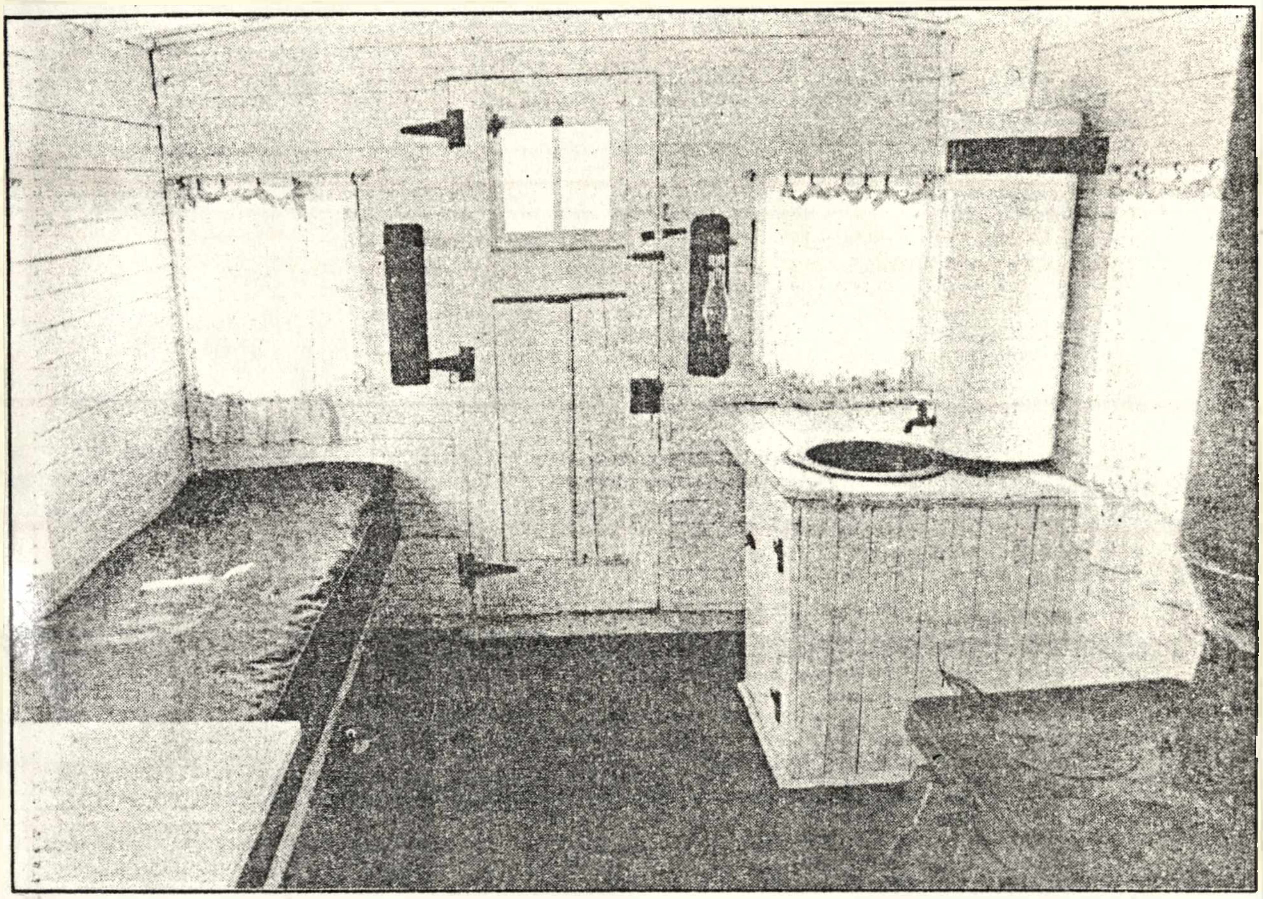
Tribune-Star/Bob Poynter

Right on track

Ts JUL 4 1985

Finishing touches on restorating a 1903-vintage caboose, now permanently in station at Dobbs Park, were lettering and a Pennsylvania Railroad logo. Retired sign painter Dick Tuttle finished the task this week. Harry Bennington headed a committee of retired railroaders who restored the car and its pot-bellied stove and refrigerator. Terre Haute Parks and Cemeteries Superintendent Pat Ralston said the restored caboose will be transformed into a mini-museum "to show children something of the history of railroading in Terre Haute."



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Clackity-clack

A wood-burning cook stove and a wash basin with its own water tower are among the furnishings of a caboose the city is getting from a local physician. The relic from the Pennsylvania Railroad will be moved sometime after the weekend to Dobbs Park.

Parks & Recreation (W.V.)

Dobbs Park getting caboose that once rode Pennsy rails

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Terre Haute is receiving an 81-year-old Pennsylvania Railroad caboose.

Courtesty of Dr. Wayne Crockett, 3601 Ohio Blvd., the caboose is complete with steam whistle, oil lamps, icebox, stove, sink, cupola with seats, bunks, speedometer and a ladder leading to its roof.

Now a poolside cabana, the blue 1903 Pennsylvania Railroad caboose will be moved to Dobbs Nature Center, Poplar Street, said city Park and Recreation Department director Pat Ralston.

It will be a sight persons can visit on the west side of the Nature Center. Ralston anticipates having a brochure on cabooses of that era. Having a part-time person as a guide also is a possibility, depending on how well-received the idea is, he said.

"It may not tie in with the Nature Center, but it ties in with Terre Haute" and its railroad heritage, Ralston said. Ralston wants it in Dobbs, where he lives, because the park has gates which lock at night.

"It's too fragile an item to have out where there's no supervision," Ralston said.

The caboose, which took a 60-ton crane and two lowboys to move into Crockett's yard 20 years ago, will be moved to Dobbs after Labor Day. Ralson expects the caboose to be open for visitors by October.

Some refinishing and restoration of the caboose will be needed, such as replacing about 75 percent of the exterior boxcar siding.

"It's not that expensive," Ralston said of the restoration, which will all be done by the park department. He also wants the caboose's exterior painted a traditional red.

In the 20 years it sat on salvaged railroad track in Crockett's backyard, his children pretended it was everything from a castle to a steamship.

Crockett's children are now grown and he wanted to dispose of the caboose. The city became the beneficiary when Ralston learned of Crockett's desire to get rid of it.

"I think it's a great idea," Crockett said.

Parks + Recreation (Vigo Co) Community Affairs File,

Dobbs Nature Trail Gets National Recognition

S AUG 2 6 1982

Park Superintendent Patrick Ralston got a letter from U.S. Interior Secretary James Watt Wednesday that Ralston says will "put Terre Haute on the map nationally."

The letter says that the nature trail at John G. Dobbs Park has been designated as a National Recreational Trail.

That honor, Ralston said, is bestowed sparingly. It will mean that Dobbs Park will be listed on National Park Service publications sent out across the country, he said.

The park department applied for the designation last winter. Jim Grasso, a national recreation planner, subsequently came from Omaha, Neb. to inspect the trails. Ralston said that Grasso was impressed both with their scenic beauty and maintenance.

Dobbs Park actually has three trails, totalling about three miles in length. In the fall of 1981, the park department put 20 stations on one trail and printed an accompanying guide brochure so hikers would know what they were seeing. The department also put a fresh gravel surface on the trails and built new footbridges, Ralston said.

He said that a federal park official might come to Terre Haute for aceremnony marking the designation.

'Return to nature' activities at Dobbs

Ts APR 2 1978

By COLLEEN SIMS
Tribune-Star Writer

The Terre Haute Park and Recreation Department offers something special to those people who want "to get back to nature" — or at least learn a little more about it.

The Dobbs Memorial Park Nature Center has a full agenda of spring activities scheduled which include learning about wildflowers, birds, trees, pond life, trailside medicines, organic gardening and many other nature-related things through demonstrations, discussions and hikes in the park.

Or, those interested can visit the center and the marked trails without joining in on one of the organized groups.

The activities are centered at the nature study center in the 105 acre park, which includes a 1.5 acre lake and 14 acres of original woods that have never been logged. The park is located on East Poplar Street.

Inside the center are displays of different aspects of nature. Also snakes, turtles, fish and an active bee hive are kept there.

Through an observation window, wild animals can be seen gathering at a feeding station.

Ron Helms, park naturalist, reported the programs scheduled could involve demonstrations, slide shows and/or hikes.

He said the naturalists like to "involve" the people in the demonstrations.

Early bird hikes are scheduled at the center every Saturday morning at 9 a.m.

Besides these hikes, a full agenda of other activities has been planned for 2 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday in April and May.

This Saturday's program was on wildflowers and included a one-hour hike.

Other April and May programs are as follows:

Sunday, April 2 — ROVING REPTILES. Some identification and stories about our cold-blooded characters.

Saturday, April 8 — ADVENTURES IN THE WEB OF LIFE. A 1½ hour exploration to find a place for all in the living world.

Sunday, April 9 — FEATHERED FRIENDS. A slide show to help you identify our returning birds by sight and sound.

Saturday, April 15 — WILDLIFE IN YOUR BACKYARD. A walk to see how various plants encourage birds and animals to live here.

Sunday, April 16 — FLOWERS AND TREES. Have you noticed? Flowers are not just growing from the ground.

Saturday, April 22 — FUNGUS AMONG US. Spring is their season! Here are some tips on mushroom identification and hunting; a walk and talk.

Sunday, April 23 — GREEN EARTH STORIES. A one-hour walk complete with stories and uses for every herb.

Saturday, April 29 — VIRGIN TIMBER HIKE. A 1½ hour hike to see what makes Dobbs so special.

Sunday, April 30 — POND LIFE. A stream stomping good time to find out what all lives in our waters.

Saturday, May 6 — TRAILSIDE MEDICINES. How to heal yourself and avoid trouble in the woods. An easy walk.

Sunday, May 7 — TERRARIUM BUILDING WORKSHOP. Bring a LARGE jar (with a lid) and take home a piece of the earth.

Saturday, May 13 — ANIMAL HOMES. A 1½ hour hike to see where animals from the mosquito to the warbler to the ground hog live.

Sunday, May 14 — WOODN'T YOU KNOW. Tree uses from log cabins to baseball bats. A one-hour ramble.

Saturday, May 20 — DISCOVER HIKE. A mini-hike to see what we can see.

Sunday, May 2 — EDIBLES AND HERBALS. A program to reveal what Mother Nature has in her pantry.

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ABOUT TOWN

Dobbs Memorial Forest Commission Meets, Inspect Forest, Re-elect Present Officers

THE Dobbs Memorial Forest commission held its spring meeting Tuesday evening following an inspection visit at the forest in the afternoon. Preceding the business meeting the group was entertained by Guy Stantz at a dinner held at the Gerstmeyer Technical high school.

Meeting at the forest were the members of the commission, Miss Mary Hollis, Stantz, Alf J. [illegible], Dr. William P. Allyn, Prof. C. C. Knipmeyer and Harry Burns, Mayor Ralph Tucker, Lawrence V. Letzkus, superintendent of city parks, and Miss Marjorie Parks, secretary to the park superintendent. The group studied the location of a dam which is planned to be built in the future to form a lake of 11½ acres to add to the beauty of the forest. The dam will be approximately 500 feet in length and the lake will be filled with water from natural drainage and springs.

Bridal paths are to be constructed through the forest and around the lake, and a six-acre tract was chosen for the placing of an arboretum which will be planted with shrubs, flowers and trees native to the state of Indiana.

Starting in 1945 the commission has now planted [illegible]000 tree seedlings with the aid of the Boy Scouts, members of the Boys' club, and the Terre Haute Kiwanis club. These trees include pine, spruce, fir, black walnut, and some tulip poplars. The group was gratified at the growth of these trees for it is planned to sell the pine and fir for Christmas trees as soon as they are large enough. This money reverts to the commission and will be used to carry out the improvements planned as there is no other source of income.

There is a 12-acre tract of virgin forest and the inspection showed it should be thinned out, and other trees need trimming. The trees that are cut out for thinning purposes can be sold for lumber, thus giving added income.

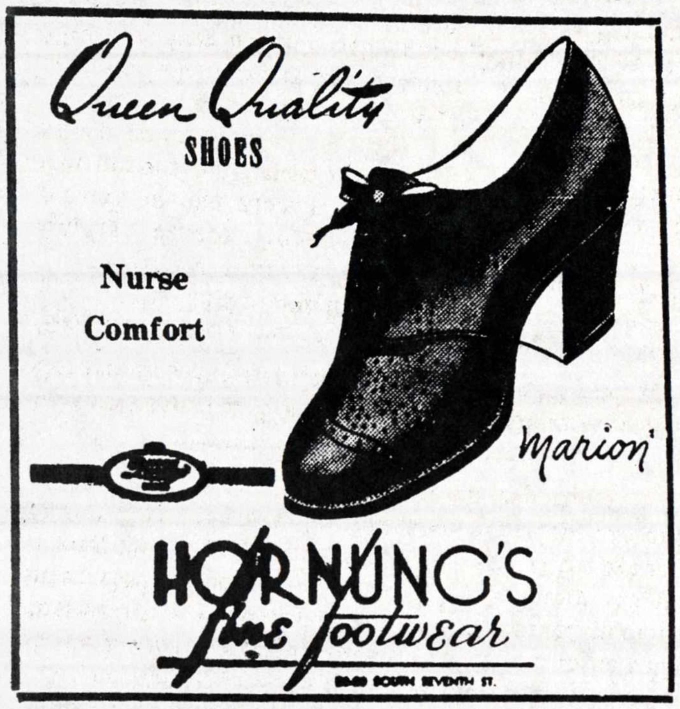
The home economics club at Gerstmeyer prepared the dinner under the supervision of Miss Clara [illegible], and the dinner was served by the girls of the home-making class.

Paul H. Haas, local nurseryman and former superintendent of parks, was present at the meeting as a guest of Stantz and he advised the commission on the proper method of trimming and cutting of the trees in the wooded area.

In the business meeting Stantz was re-elected president of the commission; Miss Hollis as secretary, and Knipmeyer as treasurer.

✓The forest consisting of approximately 105 acres, was deeded to the city of Terre Haute by Miss Effie Dobbs in 1944 as a memorial to her father, the late John G. Dobbs, well known business man of the city.

In accepting the acreage the city council named it the Dobbs Memorial Forest. As it had to be self-sustaining a commission was appointed of persons interested in conservation who immediately set up a long range program for the success of the forest. Under this program the forest will develop into one of Terre Haute's finest recreation centers.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Plans Completed For Memorial Day Observance, Ceremonies and Services on Sunday and Monday

MEMORIAL services for the two-day holiday will begin Sunday morning with a church service which will be held at the St. Paul Baptist church, Second and Farrington, at 11:30 o'clock in the morning. Clarence E. Campbell is the general chairman of the Memorial Day observance committee.

The annual services for the Navy's honored dead will be held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Wabash river bridge. All participating groups will meet at Memorial Hall at 2 o'clock and will march to the bridge at 2:30 o'clock in pre-arranged formation. Hunter J. VonLeer will fly overhead dropping flowers into the water in memory of the sailors of all wars who lost their lives at sea.

The Allied Veterans Organizations including the Women's Relief, Ladies of G. A. R., Mothers of World War II, and Navy Mothers, will be in charge of the services. The firing squad will be comprised of members of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock the Fort Harrison Post No. 40, Squadron of the Sons of American Legion members of the Post will hold memorial services at the grave of Lawrence E. "Bibbles" Clift and at the same time Krietenstein Post No. 104 will [illegible] of Carl Krietenstein in

will be held. Grand Marshal of the parade will be William Kreke.

Rev. Sammuel Carruth, pastor of the Centenary Methodist church, will be the speaker at memorial services.

Tickets Still Available For Quartet Festival, Barber Shoppers Will Present Two Programs

TICKETS are going fast for the third annual Barber Shop Quartet Festival, but it was learned today (Friday) that there were still plenty of reserved seats available for this outstanding singing event of the year. Tickets may be purchased in the lobby of the Terre Haute House for the two concerts which will be given Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon at the Student Union auditorium.

This annual festival is sponsored by the Terre Haute Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc., or as many of the members call it, "spebsqsa," pronounced by most as "spebsquaw."

This year the concert again features the great barber shop quartets of the country, state, national and international champions. Also on the program will be the Terre Haute Chorus of 60 voices, and the community singing will be led by John Hanson, conductor of the Illinois Cornbelt Chorus, whose ability is well known by Terre Hauteans.

The city is being honored by the presence of Carroll P. Adams, international secretary of S.P.E. B.S.Q.S.A., who will act as master of ceremonies for the concerts.

Leading the parade of quartets will be the Doctors of Harmony, present International champions. Other champions will be the Misfits and Harmony Halls, both past International champions; Mid-States Four, Illinois champions; the Harmonaires, former Indiana champions, and Terre Haute's own Four Shades of Harmony, who recently won the Indiana-Kentucky championship. Then there will be the Carpenter Brothers, champion brother four; the McPhee Family, champion family four; the Minor Chords, Terre Haute's newest four; the Terre Haute girls' quartet known as the Frivolous Sals which will be something new and different.

Barber shop singing is a different harmony, one that gets into the blood of both the singer and listener. The membership of the quartets come from every walk of life and sing for the love of singing. Anyone who wishes a preview of the concerts need only to go into the lobby of the Terre Haute House on Saturday afternoon for as soon as the boys get together they start harmonizing. They can't help it, they say.

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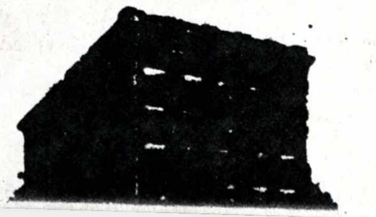

Made On Improved City Property and on Farm Lands

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Nature trail plans approved

Parks & Recreation (T.H.)

Terre Haute Park and Recreation Superintendent Patrick Ralston announced the park board has approved an application for the self-guiding nature trail at Dobbs Park to be designated as a National Recreation Trail.

The designation, according to Ralston, will allow the trail to be included in National Park Service publications promoting recreation trails.

The National Park Service also would provide some signs for the trail, Ralston said.

The request, prepared by Ron Helms, head naturalist at Dobbs Park, includes maps of the trail route, a description of the trail, and several color pictures.

The self-guiding nature trail is about three-fourths of a mile long with 20 marked stations. Much of the trail wanders through virgin forest.

Park board members in other business awarded bids for golf carts and an 84-inch mower.

Kenney Machinery Corp., 8420 Zionsville, Indianapolis, will sell an 84-inch Turf-pro mower to the park department for $10,590. Professional Golfcar Corp., P.O. Box 250, Bloomington, will sell the department 10 golf carts for Hulman Links for $13,950.

Both firms were the only ones to submit bids on the two purchases.

The board also approved a resolution requesting Public Service Indiana remove six of 10 street lights at Dresser Park.

U.S. 40 cuts Dresser Park in half and some of the lights are needed to provide illumination along the road, according to Ralston. However, there are no facilities in the park and most of the lights are not needed, he explained to the board.

PSI has offered to remove all but four lights along the highway and to convert those from mercury to sodium vapor.

The removal and conversion should save the park department $400 or $500 each year, Ralston told the board.

Nature never sleeps

There *IS* life after the winter solstice at Dobbs Park

Parks and Recreation (VC)

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The sunless afternoon was grey, the woods stark and forboding with corpses of trees lying, covered by a snowy blanket, among the uncleared thicket. The cold was damp and omnipresent, permeating even the heaviest of clothing.

For those hardy souls not bothered by the brush of an icy finger against the cheek, this is a place to visit, a place for introspection and a place to enjoy the quiet pleasures.

And for those who dislike direct confrontations with the cold, there is the nature center, where time can be spent watching birds feed or looking at the many displays while enjoying the warmth and comfort of the center.

This is Dobbs Park on Terre Haute's east side between Kean Lane and Indiana 46, a fragment of nature's primitive life couched at the edge of a metropolitan area. Only a residential area bordering one side of the park's 105 acres and the noise of traffic on Poplar Street spoil the sense of seclusion.

Dobbs Park is a different place in the winter. Gone are summer's friendly greens and the chattering hordes of birds and insects.

Only occasionally can a bird be heard breaking the stillness. With most of them foraging for food to steel themselves against winter's austere conditions, there is no time for chatter.

Still, Dobbs is surrealistically lovely this time of year. It is a place where one can walk the trails and be as alone as one can be with the urban environment so close by.

While the woods and many of its denizens appear to be sleeping, one can see signs of activity etched in the snow. There are tracks of a cross-country skier here, and the brash tracks made by deer there. The tiny quotation mark, like tracks of a mouse, its trail revealing the frantic search for food, criss-cross the trail.

Juanita Mullen walks there every day, sometimes twice a day.

"I enjoy the park every day. I walk here because it's so beautiful in the winter, particularly when the snow is on," she said as she stepped briskly along. "I enjoy seeing the signs of life in the snow with all the tracks of the animals. And, while I don't enjoy it, I see signs of death, too, like a dead rabbit I saw the other day where perhaps a fox found a meal."

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All wrapped up: George Cutright, 11, is a frequent visitor at the nature center, where he's become a good friend with Betty the snake.

Park nautralist Mary Beth Eberwein enjoys walking the trails, too. "What is that over there? Is that a rabbit's track?" she would say as she waded through the shallow snow. "See that oak tree over there? That marks the boundary between the original woods and John Dobbs' farm."

The tree stood gnarled, yet majestic, slightly bent toward the left. Eberwein explained that the woods shaded the side of the tree, causing the boughs to branch heavily toward the open side of the woods.

Many of the trees that stand in what once was bare farm ground were planted by young boys from reform school in 1945. Chief naturalist Bill Koehler said some 60,000 trees were planted that year.

Paralleling the subdivision is a row of yellow poplars, perhaps 50 yards long. They stand there like muted sentries on file, protecting nature against an invasive civilization, as if to say, "not one inch more!" Eberwein pointed to a pin oak growing among the poplars, and said it was believed that the tree was planted by Dobbs' wife.

Koehler and Eberwein agree that winter activity at the park has picked up tremendously in recent years. Eberwein, who has worked at the park for nine years, said when she first came to Dobbs, only a trickle of people came in the winter, "now they flock here singly and in groups."

The park has been designated a nature reserve under the aegis of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. As such, it cannot be disturbed. Not even the fallen trees can be removed, nor can the heavy underbrush be cleared. It must remain as nature designed it.

A popular winter activity at the park is ice skating. Although the up-to-now mild winter has prevented skaters from enjoying the park's pond, Eberwein says she remembers past winters when the pond froze more than the allowable six inches and large crowds of skaters that would gather at the park.

"They would skate well past sunset," Eberwein said. "They would gather around log fires to keep warm after skating awhile in the frigid night air."

Koehler said cross-country skiing is also popular at the park, despite the fact that skis can no longer be rented. "While we don't discourage skiers, we would like to see the volume of skiers kept low so as not to disturb the animals in the

Tribune-Star/Bob Poynter

Winter hangs on: An ice formation works its way down from a shelter house near the pond in Dobbs Park, a monument to the season

woods." He said he believed that there aren't that many skiers now so that tranquility for the animals is preserved.

Approximately 110 species of animals inhabit the park, including rarities such as the pileated woodpecker and the blue heron.

"We still see a fair number of hikers here, and the cold doesn't seem to make much difference to the hardier ones," Koehler said. "And bird watching, both inside the nature center and outside, seems to be popular."

The center, under Koehler's and Eberwein's direction, presents programs periodically on various aspects of nature. There are programs on such subjects as heating with wood, identifying trees in winter, Christmas crafts, winter hiking, snakes and fossils.

There is something for young and old alike, such as the Kiddie Korner at the nature center where preschool children can enjoy the things nature has to offer.

The park was created through a gift by the Dobbs family to the city of Terre Haute. In 1944, Effie Dobbs and a cousin, Mary Hollis, approached Mayor Vern McMillan on the possibility of donating some land to the city for the purpose of a public forest.

The city accepted the donation. The site was hardly developed for 19 years, but the preserve was opened to the public on Oct. 19, 1963. Still, development was slow, and in 1969, there was some talk of commercializing Dobbs into a camping area. Finally, the nature center opened in 1972.

What is planned for the future? Koehler said he would like to see some sort of accommodation for the handicapped, such as an improved trail. "I would like to see a short loop of asphalt walk for those in wheelchairs so that they, too, could enjoy what nature has to offer. This is still in the talking stage."

He said he would like to see the park's short road improved. "There will be a new parking lot for the maintenance people, which will free up parking in the area for the public."

Koehler said that there isn't much trouble with vandalism at the park. The biggest problem is people bringing dogs in and not keeping them on a leash.

There is, however, some knife-created graffiti adorning some of the smooth-bark trees. Even this adds some charm and romance to the woods. Obviously these markings were put there before the advent of the canned spray paint.

For those who tend to burrow into their couch and load the coffee table with goodies and turn the television on at the sight of the first snowflake, perhaps a brisk walk along some of Dobbs' paths would put a new slant on life.

One thing for sure, it would prove that there IS life after the winter solstice.

DOBBS PARK

CITY PARK BOARD STUDIES CHANGES AT DOBBS GROVE

T.H. Parks

T.H. Star 3-13-67

The Terre Haute Board of Park Commissioners met Tuesday morning with representatives of two home-owners groups and one development firm to discuss proposed changes at Dobbs Grove Park east of the city that would turn it into a campers' park.

Sid Levin, president of the park board, said such a development would involve a low investment for the city and would be self-supporting. He said campers create tourism and the proximity of the Dobbs Park to I-70 should be a drawing card.

Presidents of a local camping group and a regional camping group also attended the meeting.

Representatives from the Lincolnshire Home-Owners Association, the Terre Vista Home-Owners group and the CDI Developement Co., attended the meeting.

In other business, the board passed a resolution thanking a local businessman, Herman Becker, for his contribution of 12 new American flags to be used in city parks this summer.

DOBBS PARK

IMPROVEMENTS AT DOBBS PARK NEAR COMPLETION

T.H. Parks
T.H. Star 6/27/68

Dobbs Park, located on Ind. 46 about a mile east of Deming Park, soon will become the second municipally-operated park in Indiana offering complete overnight camping facilities, according to Mayor Leland Larrison and Howard Harbaugh, city park superintendent.

Larrison said workmen were busy Wednesday at the park cutting access roads and graveling operations would take place Thursday, weather permitting.

Harbaugh said cook-out facilities, shelters, electricity, water, restrooms and sewage disposal outlets will be provided at the park.

The city officials said fishing is good in the six-acre lake in the park, but added swimming there is prohibited.

The only other municipally-operated camping park in Indiana is at Ft. Wayne, according to Mayor Larrison.

When completed the park will be able to accommodate between 100 and 150 camp trailers.

Dobbs Memorial Park Facilities Ready for Summer

T.H. Parks

T.H. Trib-Star 6/16/68

By DICK SUTLIFF

Tribune Staff Writer

Summer arrives officially at 3:13 a.m. next Friday, but already this year, thousands of area residents have taken advantage of the many facilities offered in the 18 parks operated by the Terre Haute Park Department.

Getting away from it all is the by-word on hot, summer days, and there are opportunities aplenty for those who wish to pack picnic lunches and spend a day close to nature in one of the major parks or one of the smaller, neighborhood park areas.

There are about 700 acres of city parks, with a total value of about $3 million. The parks are strategically located, and there's at least one park not very far from where you live. The public is urged to come to the parks, relax and enjoy.

In this first of a series of reports on the city park system, the emphasis is placed on Dobbs Memorial Park, the newest in the system and one of the larger recreational areas. The park is located on East Poplar Street between Lincolnshire subdivision and State Road 46 and east of Deming Park.

Fine For Picnickers

Its 105 acres offer pleasant surroundings for picnicking, and fishing in a six-acre pond, as well as a considerable area of quiet and solitude for those wishing to curl up under a shade tree with the book there's never time enough to read at home.

Howard L. (Jerry) Harbaugh, city park superintendent, and his crew have been working tirelessly at Dobbs, preparing a large, flat, grassy area for use by overnight and weekend campers. Space for about 150 camper trailers is being readied.

Already, there are numerous picnic tables, some out in the open, and others nestled in the shade of tall trees on the perimeter of the proposed camping site. If one drives through the west side of the park, and isn't afraid of trees scratching his car, he finds dozens of choice spots where nature's greenery has been left undisturbed.

When one reaches the secludd area, he finds it difficult to believe that he's actually only a few hundred feet from the Lincolnshire residential area. One may easily pretend that he is lost and alone, far from the torments of city life.

Much of the park's forest-like appearance is due to the fact that members of the Terre Haute chapter of Izaak Walton League, under the direction of the late Guy Stantz, an ardent conservationist and for many years principal of Gerstmeyer High School, planted thousands of evergreen seedlings which are now approaching maturity.

Nearly every weekend back in the period of 1946-48, scores of Boy Scouts, high school students and volunteer youths, under the direction of Stantz and servationist, planted the seedlings.

Dobbs Park, dedicated in the fall of 1963, was bequeathed to the city by Miss Effie Dobbs as a memorial to her father, John G. Dobbs, and was to be used as a natural forest for park purposes. Improvements have been made, but the wooded atmosphere remains.

More Improvements

During the past several months, the park department has focused much of its attention on improving Dobbs Park still more. Nearly every day, one finds Harbaugh at the park, directing operations and making certain everything is done just right.

The board of park commissioners envisions Dobbs Park as the future camping grounds for cross-country motorists. A fee schedule will be arranged, Harbaugh says, for those who decide to pull their camper trailers in the park overnight or weekends.

Dobbs Park is an ideal location for families to bring their youngsters for relaxation. While Mom fixes a picnic lunch alongside the pond, Dad and the youngsters may cast about for fish and still keep tabs on the chow preparation.

Strange as it may seem, many Terre Hauteans simply don't know of the existence of the park. This is partly because of itts newness, and partly because people don't notice the signs as they motor along Poplar Street.

However, the park department hopes to rectify this in the future, through a program of indoctrinatiton and with the aid of [illegible]edia pointing out the [illegible] at the park. Several [illegible] have reserved areas for

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FIRST OF SERIES

This is the first of a series of articles dealing with the various parks in the city and county which will be published periodically. The facilities offered in many of the parks, the new improvements and projected improvements of the future will be discussed and pictured in the articles.

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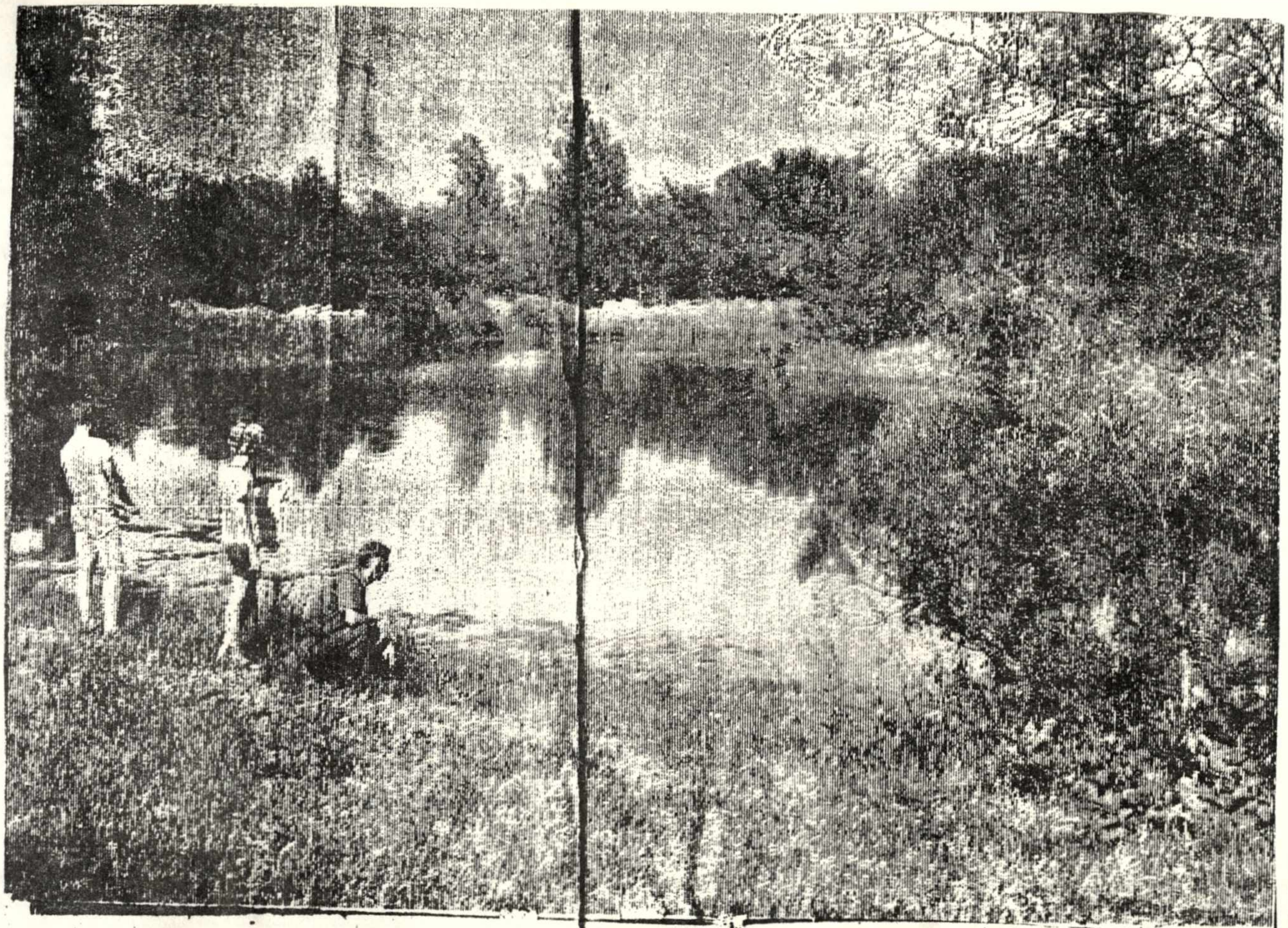

WATCHING FOR A NIBBLE—One of the many pastimes awaiting visitors to Dobbs Memorial Park, east of the city pro is fishing in the six-acre pond. Here, three persons wait for a hit.
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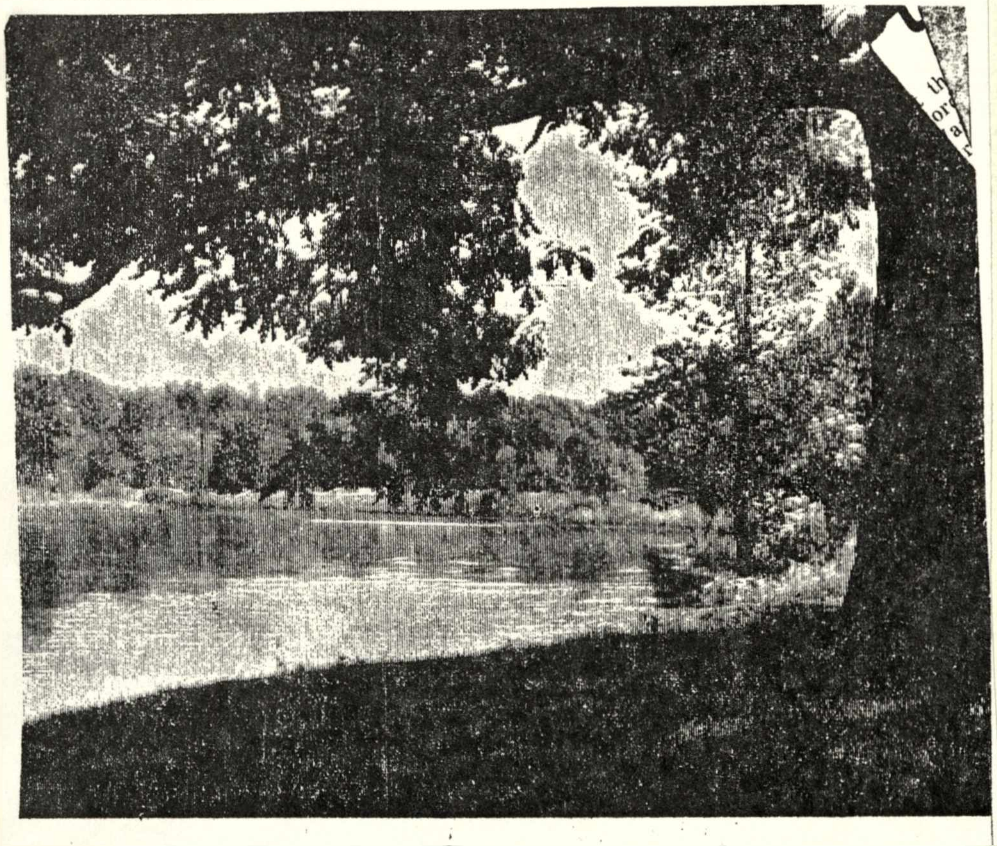

PEACE AND TRANQUILITY—For visitors at Dobbs Memorial Park, this is an ideal location for an afternoon of relaxation with a good book, under a shade tree next to the water.
Photo by Martin.

DOBBS PARK

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REST STOP — A group of youngsters takes a breather alongside the hitching post at John Dobbs Memorial Grove, scene of the newly completed bridle path. Park Superintendent Howard Harbaugh says there are four miles of meadow and woodland bridle trails in addition to three miles of footpaths, 80 trailer camping spots, a fishing lake, and picnic areas. (Photo by Kadel)

DOBBS

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Johnnies And Janes To Skip Their Music Lessons Saturday

Hundreds of youngsters from all parts of Vigo County are ex-expected to participate in the Fishing Rodeo Saturday at Dobbs Park, located on East Poplar Street near Ind. Highway 46.

Although the event has not been staged for several years, a large turnout of youngsters 14 and under are expected to turn out for the event. The rodeo is being sponsored by Mayor Leland Larrison, the Terre Haute Park Board and members of the City Police and Fire Departments.

All children entering the competition will be divided into four age groups, with each group to be assigned to a particular section of the Dobbs Park lake. Age divisions include children under age 6; ages 6 through 9; ages 10 through 12, and ages 13 and 14.

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The first 400 youngsters will be allowed to fish from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. and the second 400 will fish from 11 a.m. until 12 noon. A third group will cast their lines from 12 noon until 1 p.m. and the final group is scheduled to fish from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m.

The Fishing Rodeo is open to any youngster within the age limit. No admission will be charged, either to the park or the contest.

According to City Park Superintendent Jerry Harbaugh, judges for the contest will be Jack Ennis and Jack Kerins, area fishing experts.

Several prizes await the lucky winners in each age category, with special awards slated for youngsters who catch any of the white (or albino) catfish that have been stocked in the lake. In addition to channel catfish, the young fishermen will be after bass, bluegills and crappies in the park lake.

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Volunteers at the city's fire stations have assembled 400 fishing poles, with city fireman Tom Champion in charge of delivering the poles and lines to the park. Worms for bait will be provided by Harbaugh, who cultivated the wigglers at Dobbs Park.

City firemen and policemen will assist with the rodeo by supervising the fishing during the four hours of competition.

Mayor Larrison will supply hot dogs and soft drinks for the rodeo, and Fairmont Foods, Inc., will provide potato chips. The Coca-Cola Bottling Co. has agreed to pay half the cost of the soft drinks.

Members of the City Park Board will participate in the program, by soliciting prizes and donations and assisting with registration of the young fishermen.

Traffic control and safety during the event will be supervised by city police and firemen, civil defense members, REACT and special police. The Red Cross will provide a mobile first aid unit at the park.

GETTING READY FOR RODEO—City Park Superintendent Jerry Harbaugh took time out from his duties this week to offer some tips to three youngsters preparing for Saturday's Fishing Rodeo at Dobbs Park. Kneeling at left is Jeff Crable, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Crable, 110 Berkley Drive, while Lee Harbaugh, grandson of Harbaugh, kneels at right. Standing is Bob Harvey, II. Several hundred youngsters are expected for Saturday's competition, which will be divided into four age categories. (Photo by House of Photography)

New Bridle Path At Dobbs Another TH Parks Addition

By RICHARD EVANS
Star Staff Writer

It goes without saying, that greenery and wildlife are becoming increasingly difficult to find in America—especially in the cities—and Terre Haute is no exception.

For the residents of the thousands of single and multi-family dwellings crowded throughout much of the city, Terre Haute's 19 parks provide a welcome and vital resource.

The number of people who make use of the more than 700 acres of property maintained by the Park Department runs into the thousands, most of them making use of the facilities between Memorial and Labor Days.

Some go simply to picnic; others to swim, golf, pitch horseshoes, play softball or tennis. Still others go, simply to relax, to spend a few hours in the sun, or a few moments in contemplation.

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One of the newest attractions is the recently completed bridle path at Dobbs Park located on Poplar Street at the east edge of the city.

Park Superintendent Howard Harbaugh has made John Dobbs Memorial Grove his step-child, cutting brush, putting in sewage and electrical outlets for camping. stocking the picturesque lake with fish, and now creating four miles of meadow and woodland trails for riding enthusiasts.

Before Harbaugh became superintendent in 1968, the park had no modern facilities. Now it affords picnic shelters. about three miles of hiking trails, nature study areas, fishing, archery ranges, ice skating (in season), trailer parking for 80 units, and about 50 rough camping sites

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Harbaugh plans to revive the fishing rodeo — which died not long ago along with the lakes in Deming Park — this time, at Dobbs Park.

About a year ago, he transferred several hundred crappie and some large mouth bass to the lake at Dobbs Park, after the ponds in Deming Park became contaminated.

While the front pond at Deming is being renovated, two ponds at the east edge of the park have been drained, and workmen are in the process of filling them in. When the job has been completed the area will be sodded, and additional picnic tables will be placed there.

The rodeo is scheduled for July 17, and will be open to all youngsters under 15 years of age. Prizes will be awarded for the boy or girl catching the most fish and the biggest fish, as well as to those catching any of a special white channel catfish with which the lake will be stocked just prior to the event.

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In addition to improvements at Dobbs Park, Deming Park, the largest in the system, has also been the object of a good deal labor.

Most of the shelters, picnic tables, trash barrels, and playground equipment have a new coat of paint, much of it a sparkling red, white, and blue.

The newly named Larrison Pavilion, built entirely by park department employes, has been in use since late summer, 1970. It has a stage measuring 20 by 55 feet; two dressing rooms, two restrooms, and a seating capacity of 500.

Harbaugh said he has been told by contractors the building would have cost an estimated $30.000 to $35,000 if constructed with new materials.

As it is, much of the material came form the old Moore Auto Sales building, and was donated by George Crowley who razed the building. Total cost of the structure was about $500 plus the employes' wages.

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Also planned for the coming summer are musical programs every Sunday afternoon at the amphitheater. The first program of the season will feature the Youth Symphony of the Vigo County Schools on Sunday, June 6. followed by a series of gospel singers, hoedowners, and orchestras.

The final program of the season will be an all day gospel sing on Labor Day, featuring a number of singing groups, solos, and instrumentals.

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Both Mayor Larrison and the Board of Park Commissioners have publicly praised Harbaugh's ability to accomplish much on his limited budget.

During the last three years, the Park Department's annual budget has increased by about $25,000, but employes' hourly wages have also increased from $1.75 to $2.25. About two-thirds of the total budget goes for salaries.

The 50 to 60 park employes are forever busy picking up and repairing. Next to keeping the acres of grass trimmed, tidying up after thoughtless users takes the largest single block of man hours expended by park employes, Harbaugh said.

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Each Monday during the summer months, the crews collect an average of a dump truck load of bottles and cans from the grounds and roadways in the parks.

In addition, vandalism to the facilities cost another several hundred dollars each year, and lately, Harbaugh says some area residents have been dumping their garbage and trash in the park department containers.

Besides providing green spaces and keeping them clean, the park department provides supervised recreation programs at several of the parks each summer.

Among those activities planned are tennis instruction at the city's nine tennis courts, soft ball and baseball leagues, and supervised swimming instruction at the three swimming pools.

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In addition to swimming classes open at Deming, Sheridan, and Voorhees Park, the park department is planning to rent the Deming Park pool to groups for private swimming after closing hours this summer. If the experiment works out, says Harbaugh, it may be implemented at the other parks in the future.

The public golf course at Rea Park on the city's south side is attracting an increasing number of golfers both professional and duffers. This writer falls into the latter category, but from personal experience, it is one of the finest around.

In addition to the 18 - hole course, there are two practice ranges, a full-time pro, and a club house complete with social room, party room (for 125), dressing rooms, and concessions. There are also two lighted tennis courts and two more in the planning stage.

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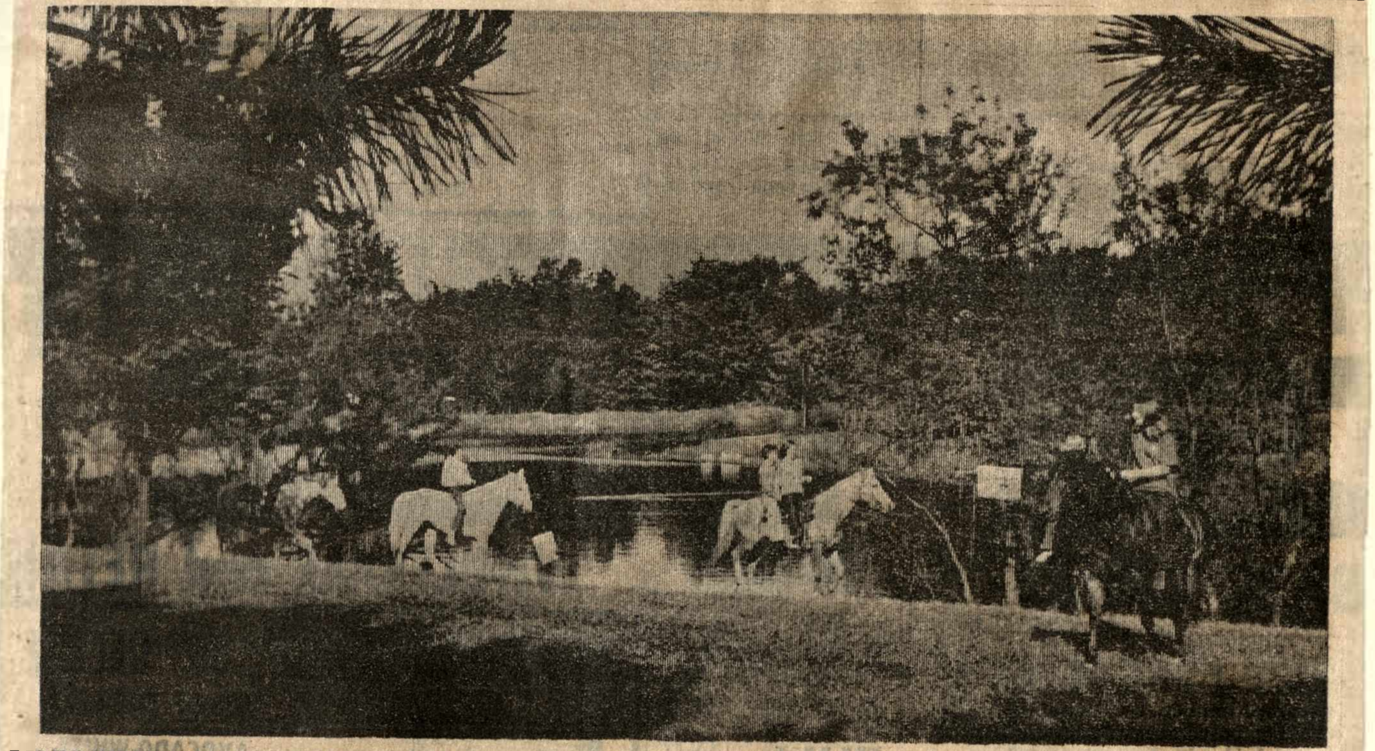

RIDIN' BY THE OLE FISHIN' HOLE — Leading a procession or riders past the Dobbs Park fishing lake is Lora Yoho, followed by Brenda Spies, Linda McClelland and David Baker, Debora Simmonds, and Karri Bush. The lake will be the scene of the 1971 fishing rodeo in July. (Photo by Kadel)

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Dobbs Park Bridle Path Is Closed

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The Dobbs Park bridle path has been closed, according to a report from City Park Supt. Patrick Dougherty.

He said that the reason for the closing was damage to the nature study area, adding that the entire park is closed to horseback riding until further notice.

The city park chief reported that he had not seen many horsemen using the bridle path, ". . . but it's really bad back there in the nature study area." He said that pathways softened by mild and wet spring weather were "badly cut up" by the few horses which had used them.

Dougherty also advised that it is uncertain whether the bridle path will be reopened at all. In addition to the problem involving the nature study area, he said that unless a number of horsemen could make proper use of the facility ". . . there isn't much point in maintaining it."

"Some people think they have to gallop," on the bridle path, the park commissioner noted, adding that the faster gaits do damage that would not result from more leisurely riding for which the path is intended.

"We'll just have to see," he concluded, adding that the park is open for picnicing and will open for all other pursuits, except horseback riding, next month.

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Part of Dobbs Park to Be Nature Area

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The Terre Haute Park Department has agree[illegible] pursue a plan to develop a section of Dobbs Park into a nature area.

According to John Sheehan, who assisted Keith Ruble of the Vigo County Park and Recreation Department with preparation of the proposal, city park officials have responded favorably to the idea.

The park department will provide fencing for the area believed to be one to the only forests of its kind belonging to an Indiana city. The plan called for fencing the entire section and constructing public walkways and identification signs in it.

Pat Dougherty, park director, said the fencing is not meant to barricade that portion of the park but to protect it from debris and further damage until the public nature area can be completed.

"We hope to get groups and individuals interested in making contributions to develop the interior of the nature area," Sheehan said. With the fencing sup

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plied by the park department, the cost of the nature area will be reduced to about $800. Contributions may be made to the park department.

A plan to build a herbarium adacent to the walkway will be tabled until the first stage is completed. Application will be made, possibly to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, for construction funds, according to Sheehan. Original cost estimates on the building were $9,000.

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Arboretum Plan Studied for Dobbs Park

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Parks and Recreation

The Terre Haute Park and Recreation Board Tuesday examined preliminary plans for a new nature study area to be located in the old campground section of Dobbs Grove Park.

The arboretum, which is an area of trees, herbs and shrubs native to Indiana, is being planned and designed by Ronald Helms, a graduate student majoring in life sciences at Indiana State University.

According to Helms, the Dobbs arboretum will be the only one within a 150-mile radius of Terre Haute. The nearest is in St. Louis, Mo.

"The arboretum will be a place for children, students, scientists, nature lovers, anybody, to come and see the native forestry of Indiana," said Park Superintendent Pat Dougherty. "It will be a wonderful and unique thing to this area."

Total cost of planting and maintaining the arboretum will be about $12,000 over a 10-year period, Helms noted.

Plans also call for an 800 sq. ft. building to be constructed in the arboretum with one-way glass. The one-way glass will enable persons to observe birds and animals from inches away without the wildlife being aware of their presence.

The building, which would also serve as an orientation center, would be the focal point of the nature area and cost about $14,000.

Trails leading in several directions from the orientation center are being planned and will be supplemented by signs calling attention to various sights and the naturally occurring trees, shrubs and herbs along the routes.

In Helms' report, he notes that through utilizing labor from interested community organizations the operation and upkeep of the center should be of little cost.

Dougherty told The TRIBUNE:

"I would like to thank city councilmen Asa Malooley and Gene Trummel for their support for this project. Their aid will be much appreciated when our appropriation ordinance comes up."

Helms also pointed another advantage Dobbs offers Terre Haute citizens is an "old growth" 18-acre forest.

"Normally for an 18-acre forest there would be two or three major types of trees," he noted, "but in this old growth forest, which has not been cut or used for grazing since the first settlers came 300 years ago, has 43 varieties of trees that I've counted and there are probably more."

Helms said Dobbs could become famous throughout the midwest for its arboretum when it is finally completed. "The old growth forest is just another phenomenal feature," he added.

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Dobbs Park Development Plans Progress

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The Terre Haute Park and Recreation Department plans to develop one of the city's major parks into a full blown environmental education center, according to an announcement Wednesday by City Councilmen C. Eugene Trummel and A. C. Malooley, who said they will co-sponsor a $31,000 appropriation to finance the project.

The two councilmen talked about the proposed development of a major nature study area for the eastside John G. Dobbs Memorial Grove during a mid-morning press conference Wednesday.

Trummel and Malooley said they will introduce the appropriation ordinance during the regular council session Thursday night.

Included in the overall plan for the park are the removal of existing maintenance buildings, creation of an extensive arboretum consisting of native Indiana trees, and the construction of a 1,000 square-foot rustic building to house meeting rooms and a nature display and study area for use by the public.

According to the plan outlined Wednesday, the arboretum will extend from the park entrance to the existing tree line, encompassing the former camp trailer park there. Built so that it extends into the existing forest north of the park entrance, the new building will include a specially designed window on the side facing into the forest to permit observation of the various forms of animal wildlife there.

The budget for the park and recreation department for 1974 is approximately $372,000. Of this $242,000 is for salaries, permanent and part-time; $23,000 for electric power; supplies, equipment and other varied items. The department is currently in process of getting equipment into condition for spring and summer.

"We plan to eventually move the garage and maintenance facilities from Dobbs Grove to the northeast section of Deming Park," Dougherty remarked. "This will locate the equipment more centrally, and enable us to operate more efficiently. The entire Dobbs Grove area, with exception of small picnic site near the lake, will then be the nature area we are planning."

Dougherty was born in Terre Haute, moved to Cory, Indiana and attended schools there. He is a graduate of Butler University in recreation. He is married and has three children.

New Center Planned

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Parks & Recreation (Vigo Co.)

By COLLEEN BLACKETER

Tribune Staff Writer

Plans for a nature center in the John G. Dobbs Memorial Park were announced by Mayor William J. Brighton Monday.

Renovation of Dobbs Park into the Dobbs Memorial Environmental Education Center will be funded by a $30,000 appropriation approved by the Terre Haute City Council last year.

Included in the nature center will be a building located on the edge of the woods accessible from a road in the park. The building will serve as a nature center for the observation of birds and animals through a one-way glass bay window. A feeding area will be established to encourage wildlife to go to the nature center.

The building is also to have a discussion room for meetings, a laboratory and a storage room. On display in the building is to be preserved animal and plant specimens common to the area.

The exterior and interior walls of the building are to be rough sawn random vertical boards. The discussion room will have an open ceiling with exposed trusses and a fireplace.

The building has been designed to be informal and to blend into the surrounding woods. It will be set in an arboretum of trees and plants common to Indiana and planted for the purpose of study.

The designer is Hap Miller of the Archonics Corporation.

Also, at the environmental education center will be trails leading into several directions with markers and guides pointing out various features.

An old growth section is to be left in the woods with no changes, but just as nature planned it.

City plans now include to have a naturalist on the Park and Recreation staff working full time at the park. Also, a recreation person may be hired to give tours and do similar work.

The education center will be available for individual or group visits and study.

"The environmental education center will be a unique facility within 150 miles of Terre Haute," Mayor Brighton pointed out.

"This will add a new dimension to the Terre Haute park system — one that should be part of the park system," the mayor added.

"This obviously will permit naturalists or the interested citizens to observe animals and birds in their natural habitat without disturbing them," Mayor Brighton continued.

Mayor Brighton explained the project has been in the planning stages for about two years.

Completion of the building at the park is expected for late summer or early fall.

Renovation of several other Terre Haute parks is either in the process or being planned.

New playground equipment has been received and will be installed in a total of eight neighborhood parks this spring. Park and Recreation Department plans are to add new equipment to all of the city neighborhood parks. Regular equipment will be installed in all the neighborhood parks with some parks also receiving new adventure-type playground equipment.

Renovation of Fairbanks Park is to begin soon. In that park, the already present columns will be sculptured with sunken gardens and trees and shrubs added

In the south part of the city, the Julius Brittlebank Park is to be constructed at 20th and Grant streets. Plans for that neighborhood park are being drawn up now with a joint effort between

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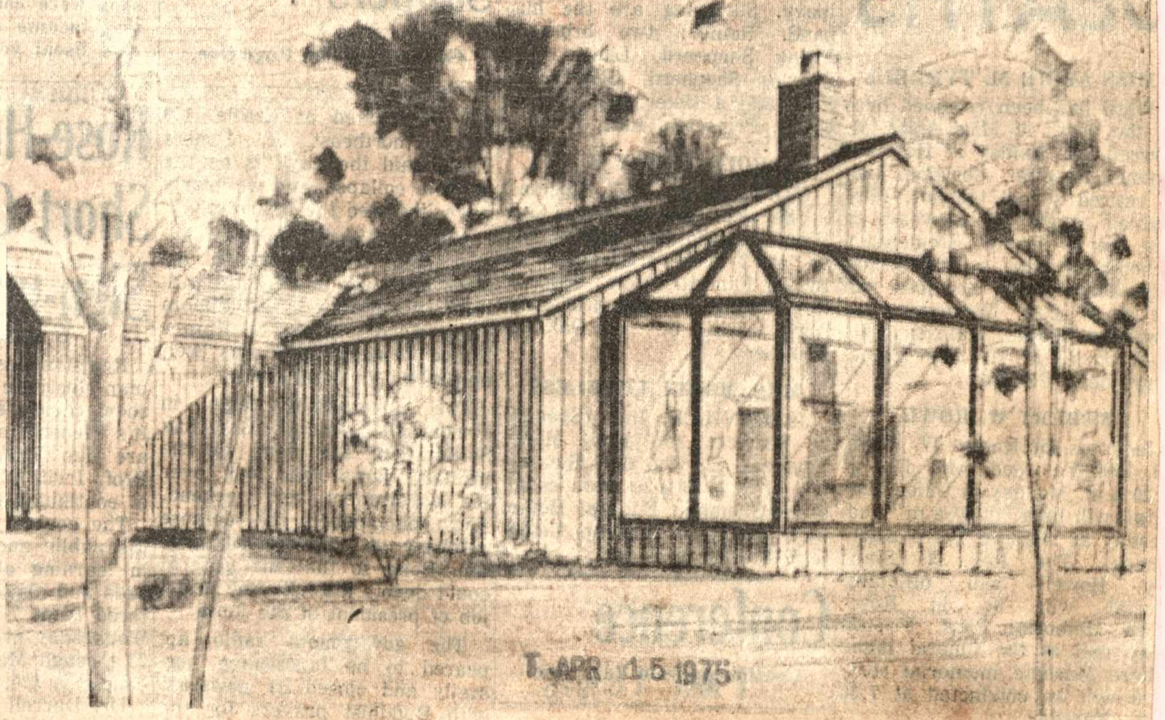

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NATURE CENTER PLANNED—Construction of a Nature Center in the John G. Dobbs Memorial Park is to start soon as part of a plan to create the Dobbs Memorial Environmental Education Center. The building pictured above will be located on the edge of the woods to provide for the observation of wildlife.

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City to Open Bids Tuesday

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Nature Center, Tennis Courts Proposed

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Tribune Staff Writer

Bid openings on two separate major projects are scheduled by the Terre Haute Park and Recreation Board in a special meeting Tuesday.

Bids are to be opened for the construction of a nature center building in the John G. Dobbs Memorial Grove Park and for the construction of three tennis courts in the new Julius Brittlebank Park.

The meeting is to be in the Park and Recreation room at City Hall at 1 p.m. Tuesday.

The bids will either be taken under consideration or let at that time.

The two projects being bidded are two of the several major park projects of the present city administration.

Plans for the nature center in Dobbs Park, on the eastside of the city on Poplar Street, were explained by Mayor William J. Brighton.

"The environmental education center will be a unique facility within 150 miles of Terre Haute," Mayor Brighton pointed out.

The building will be located on the edge of the woods accessible from a road in the park. It will serve as a center for observation of birds and animals through a smoke-colored bay glass window. A feeding area will be established outside the window to encourage wildlife to go to the nature center.

"This obviously will permit naturalists or the interested citizens to observe animals and birds in their natural habitat without disturbing them," Mayor Brighton said.

On display in the building are to be preserved animal and plant specimens common to the area.

The building is also to have a discussion room for meetings, a laboratory and a storage room.

The education center will be available for individual or group visits and study.

The exterior and interior walls of the building are to be rough sawn random vertical boards. The discussion room will have a fireplace and an open ceiling with exposed trusses.

The building has been designed to be informal and to blend into the surrounding woods, according to Mayor Brighton. It will be set in an arboretum of trees and plants common to Indiana and planted for the purpose of study.

The designer is Hap Miller of the Archonics Corporation.

Also, at the environmental education center will be trails with markers and guides pointing out various features, according to the mayor.

An old growth section is to be left in the woods with no changes, but just as nature has created it, Mayor Brighton said.

A naturalist who has been working the last year and a half for the Park and Recreation Department, Ronald Helms, is to work full time at the park.

Mayor Brighton said the renovation of Dobbs Park into a nature education center was funded by a $30,000 appropriation approved by the Terre Haute City Council last year.

"This will add a new dimension to the Terre Haute park system — one that should be part of the park system," the mayor added.

The other bids to be opened are for three tennis courts in the new neighborhood park to be built at 20th and Grant streets, the Julius Brittlebank Park, according to Mayor Brighton.

The tennis courts mark the first development of the new park, the mayor said. The city will soon be advertising for the rest of the work in the park, Mayor Brighton added.

Plans are yet to be finalized for the park, but at the present the tennis courts, a playground, ball fields and a vita course and jogging track are to be included at the park.

"The vita track course is one of the few of its kind in the midwest," Mayor Brighton said.

The course is designed as a jogging track with designated areas along the track for the joggers to stop and do exercises which are explained on signs and specify what the exercises will do to aid physical fitness.

"With the recent increase in interest in tennis, it is obvious the three tennis courts to be included in the park are necessary," Mayor Brighton said. "The city definitely needs more tennis courts."

The advertisement for the bids on the tennis courts were run in the newspapers previously and the only bid received was considered too high by the Park

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and Recreation Board. The project was re-advertised with Tuesday set as the day to open the bids.

The Julius Brittlebank Park is being built through money willed to the city in the estate of former resident Julius Brittlebank for the specific purpose of building a park.

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the city Park and Recreation Department and Indiana State University recreation students and work is expected to begin this summer. Funding for the park was willed to the city by former resident Julius Brittlebank.

Higher Costs Delay Nature Center Plans

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Parks & Recreation (Vigo Co)

By BLAINE AKERS
Star Staff Writer

Construction of an innovative nature center at John G. Dobbs Memorial Grove Park will probably be temporarily delayed because of increased project costs.

The Terre Haute Park and Recreation Board opened bids Tuesday afternoon for the proposed project and will now take them under advisement until next Tuesday, Aug. 26.

Bids received ranged from $47,476 to $41,237, according to city park superintendent, Pat Dougherty.

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On March 14, 1974, the Terre Haute City Council appropriated $31,000 in federal revenue sharing money toward the nature center project, approximately $10,237 less than Tuesday's apparent low bid.

Park and recreation officials now have two alternatives: either scale down present plans to meet the $31,000 appropriation or appropriate additional funds to construct the nature center as proposed.

Regardless of choice, the city park and recreation board will be forced to readvertise the project, which could delay the project at least 30 days.

The park and recreation board will meet next Tuesday at 2 p.m. to announce a decision.

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Proposed plans call for construction of a building to serve as an observation center for birds and animals. The building will include a smoke-glassed window, and immediately out-

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side the window, a feeding area for wildlife.

Inside the building will be displays of preserved animal and plant specimens. A discussion room, a laboratory and a storage room will also be built, according to Dougherty.

Also, the park will include marked trails, pointing out various environmental and wildlife features.

"I believe when completed, the nature center will be a drawing card to the Terre Haute area. Hopefully, project costs can be worked out and the nature center constructed to serve its purposeful meaning," said Dougherty.

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Bids received for the nature center project included Progressive Construction and Engineer Co., $41,237; Newlin-Johnson Development, $45,476; and Major and Sons Co., $47,047.

The board also took under advisement bids for construction of three tennis courts at the new Julius Brittlebank Park, 20th and Grant streets.

Tennis courts mark the initial development of the new neighborhood park, which will later feature a playground, ball fields, and a vita track course.

Apparent low bidder for the tennis court construction was L.G. Heine & Son, with a bid of $26,530. Other bidders were C.H. Garmong, & Son, $26,947; J.A. Sears Co., $29,443.34; Shelton Hanning, Inc., $35,771; and Zigler and Sons Co., $54,950.

Dougherty stated crews from the Gibson Creative Co. began removing playground equipment at Collett Park early this week and will soon install new creative playground equipment.

Also, construction work will soon get underway at Fairbanks Park, according to Dougherty.

City Will Open Bids on Dobbs Nature Center

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By COLLEEN BLACKETER
Tribune Staff Writer

Bids are to be opened Friday for the construction of a nature center at the John G. Dobbs Memorial Grove Park.

The construction of a nature center in Dobbs Park is part of the city plan to convert the park into an environmental education center.

The Terre Haute Park and Recreation Board will open the bids for the nature center building at 2 p.m. Friday. The bids will either be taken under advisement or the project will be awarded at that time.

Terre Haute Park and Recreation Department Supt. Patrick Dougherty explained the city administration is planning the change of the park to a nature center in accordance with the will through which the property was left to the city.

The terms of the will were:

1) the park be known as the John G. Dobbs Memorial Grove;

2) it be used as a city forest and for park purposes and for the planting and growing of trees and shrubbery;

3) no charge for entrance, exit or use are to be made; and

4) if the previous requirements are not met, the title is to revert back to the owner.

He explained the previous city administration under former mayor Leland Larrison, developed the park into a campground to which admission was charged. Dougherty said this was in direct violation of the terms of the will.

In order to right this mistake, Dougherty said the present administration removed camping from the park and took the necessary steps to this point in developing the nature center.

Dougherty added that the campground operated by the Larrison administration, besides being against the terms of the will, was a financial strain on the city budget. He explained that the total amount taken in through charges at the campground from May 1 to Oct. 1, 1971, was $1,643.44, which figures out to $10.74 a day. Dougherty said this would not cover the cost of hiring someone to run the park daily besides pay for the water, lights and sewage bills.

The city recently had 24.96 acers of the park dedicated as an old grove forest by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources as an initial step in making the park a nature center, Dougherty continued.

Dougherty explained the old grove forest will be a nature preserve with nothing to be changed at any time in the future by the mandate of a state law. He said the city will be allowed only to make a foot trail through the area and to identify the trees and plants there.

Park and Recreation Department naturalist Ron Helms has studied the area and recorded over 300 species of plants and about 50 varieties of trees, according to Dougherty.

The nature center project has been advertised for the last two weeks in the Tuesday newspapers.

The building is to be located on the edge of the woods in the park. It will serve as a center for observation of birds and animals through a smoke-colored glass bay window. A feeding area will be established outside the window to attract wildlife to the nature center.

On display in the building are to be preserved animal and plant specimens common to the area. The building is to have also a discussion room for meetings, a laboratory and a storage room.

The Park and Recreation Department naturalist will have his office there and will be available to conduct tours or answer questions.

The exterior and interior walls of the building are to be rough sawn random vertical boards. The discussion room will have a fireplace and an open ceiling with exposed trusses.

An earlier advertisement of the project was completed but all resultant bids were too high and were disallowed.

An original allotment of $31,000 for the project was made by the Terre Haute City Council. After the first set of bids ranged from $41,237 to $47,047, an additional $25,000 was appropriated by the City Council for the project.

Park and Recreation Supt. Dougherty explained more money than just the amount needed for the actual construction of the nature center building is necessary to change the park to a nature center. Part of the money will be used to set up trails in the woods and to mark the specific trees and shurbs, according to Dougherty.

He said some more of the extra funds will be used to move a maintenance building from Dobbs Park to Deming Park. He said the move of the building will centralize the park's maintenance program and more imporltantly, add to the esthetics of Dobbs Park when the nature center is completed.

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NATURE CENTER GROUNDBREAKING — City officials, contractors and architects for the nature center building in Dobbs Memorial Grove Park broke the ground Tuesday morning to mark the start of construction on the building. The center is being constructed as part of a plan to turn Dobbs Park into a city nature study park. Pictured at the groundbreaking are, left to right, Vernie Potter, Chamber of Commerce; Mayor William J. Brighton, Paul Ingle, Archonics Corporation (architects); Tom Davidson, Progressive Construction; Jim Isbell, Supreme Heating; Hap Miller, Archonics Corporation; Park and Recreation Superintendent Pat Dougherty, and Park and Recreation Board President Kenneth Coy. House of Photography Photo

Nature Center Project Still Planned Here

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Parks and Recreation (Vigo Co.)

By BLAINE AKERS
Star Staff Writer

Readvertisement of bids for the construction of nature center at John G. Dobbs Memorial Grove Park is expected "soon," according to Pat Dougherty, superintendent of Terre Haute city parks.

Bids for the nature center project were opened Aug. 19, however the Terre Haute Park and Recreation Board "disallowed" all bids because they were substantially higher than predicted project costs.

At Thursday night's Terre Haute City Council session, a $25,000 appropriation ordinance for renovation of Dobbs Park was introduced on first reading. Councilmen Eugene Trummel and Asa Malooley are sponsors of the bill.

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The appropriation, if passed during the next meeting of the City Council, will be coupled with already appropriated funds of $31,000. All in all, $56,000 will be used for the construction of the nature center and related project plans.

Dougherty said approximately $4,000 will be used to move a maintenance building from Dobbs Park to Deming Park. The city park superintendent said by moving the building to Deming Park it would centralize the park's maintenance program, but more importantly, with removal of the building it would improve the esthetics of Dobbs Park.

The park superintendent also pointed out an arboretum, to contain various state trees, will be constructed to enhance the park's beauty.

Once the nature center is completed, according to

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Dougherty, the city park department will organize an educational program at the park for students in the Vigo County School system.

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Proposed plans call for the construction of a large environmental education center. The center will be used for observation of birds and animals. On display in the center will be preservd specimens of plants and animals.

Inside the center will be a discussion room for meetings, a laboratory and a storage room.

According to Dougherty, the building has been designed to blend in with the surrounding woods and will be set in an arboretum of trees. Marked trails will also be constructed so naturalists can identify with the various plants, wildlife and features of the park.

Hap Miller, Archonics Corporation, is designer for the project, Dougherty said.

"Providing the additional appropriation is passed, the park superintendent noted, bids can be advertised again and hopefully we can get the project underway soon."

City Nature Center Service Grows

Parks and Recreation (Vigo Co.)

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By COLLEEN SIMS
Tribune Staff Writer

The Vigo County School Corporation students have been "getting back to nature" at the new Dobbs Park nature study center this semester.

A nature study program has been set up for the schools at the new nature center building constructed by the city.

The building, funded by $55,000 of cigarette tax money, was completed this fall and has been opened to the school classes and some groups this winter.

A year-round public nature program organized from the nature center is to start the first week of April.

Through this week, one naturalist, Ronald Helms, has been working with the students at the center. Helm's salary is paid half by the city and half by the school corporation.

Helms has worked on the development of the nature center and evolving programs in the park for about four years, with his original work done while he was a graduate student in biology at Indiana State University.

A second naturalist, Sharon Blair, is to begin this week. Her salary and the salary of a third naturalist expected to be hired will be completely paid by the city.

Eventual plans for the center are to use it as a center from which to organize studies of nature. Trails with information material located at intervals are to be developed to allow interested citizens to independently walk through the area. The naturalists will also be availabele for further information.

Special sessions are to be set up on specific topics, such as night hikes, studies of areas such as bird watching, leaf study or other aspects of ecology.

Currently the center is being used daily by some of the Vigo County School Corporation classes and a few other groups.

Helms explained the sessions at the center have normally been for the fifth grade level students.

Helms said he splits the classes up after a general orientation. One group works on such indoor activities as crossword puzzles on nature and ecology or microscope studies while the other group goes on a hike with him.

On the hikes, Helms said he takes the students through some of the 14 different community types, which range from grass-forb to a 14-acre old-growth deciduous forest, and lets the students' interests direct his comments. The 105 acre park has 318 species of plants and 114 different vertebrate animals, so Helms points out some of these during the hikes.

The old-growth deciduous forest, or virgin forest, was designated a State Nature Preserve in 1975. The designation of such a preserve guarantees that the approximate 25 acres of land will remain untouched in the future as it has been previously.

The discussion on hikes is geared to the season, Helms pointed out. He said now, during winter, the discussion often leads to the hibernation of animals during the cold months.

He said, similarly, the public programs to be instituted in April, will also be geared to the seasons.

Helms emphasized that he tries to make the nature study at the center park not building-oriented. He said he hopes the building will be "an inspiration" to the citizens to go on out on the trails to study nature.

Michael Reyher, director of recreation for the Terre Haute Park and Recreation Deapartment, pointed out that programs will also be designed for senior citizens or the handicapped.

Reyher said that the center and its programs will be "unique to the area," pointing out that other cities such as Indianapolis and Evansville have nature centers, but their programs are more building-oriented. He added that other nature centers are usually state or county owned, not a venture of the city government.

With the opening of the center to the public next month, Reyher said the hours of operation will depend on the seasons. The center will usually be open seven days a week during daylight hours, he explained.

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SHOWING THE WORKS OF NATURE — Ronald Helms, naturalist at the recently completed Dobbs Park nature study center, shows Maple Avenue School student Belinda Auterson another one of the puzzling works of Mother Nature. Belinda was at the center last week as part of a program set up between the Vigo County School Corporation and the Terre Haute Park and Recreation Department for use of the center for classes, conducted by Helms, which include inside study and nature hikes. The center is to be open to the public the first week of April.

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DEDICATION — The Nature Center at Dobbs Park was dedicated Saturday as officials reflected on the purpose of the acreage known as the John G. Dobbs Memorial Grove donated in her husbands's name name by Effie Dobbs. It had been their farm. The 105 acres includes a 14-arcre tract of original woods never logged and that essentially virgin forest and an adjacent 11 acres received designation as a State Nature Preserve in 1975. It is noted by officials that "Two highly qualified naturalists arrange and conduct the various programs at the park which include activities for the general public and special groups as well as a daily program for school classes." Participatnts in the dedication included, from the left, Mayor William J. Brighton, Park Board President Kenneth Coy, Jack Neiderheiser of the City Council and naturalists Ron Helms and Sharon Blair.

Parks & Recreation (Vigo Co.)

Dedicate Center Saturday

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The new nature center in the John G. Dobbs Memorial Park was officially dedicated at a public open house Saturday at the center, to mark the opening of the nature study program.

A short slide presentation and displays was included in the dedication ceremonies.

Mayor William J. Brighton, City Council members, Terre Haute Park and Recreation Department officials and Park and Recreation Board members, Vigo County School Corporation representatives, and the nature center's architects attended the dedication.

Relatives of Effie Dobbs, who donated the land for the park to the city in 1944 in memory of her father and as a living war memorial to the service men and women of World War II, also attended.

The nature center, in the rear of the park, was funded by $55,000 of cigarette tax money and was completed this fall. It has been opened to the Vigo County School Corporation classes and various groups during the winter.

Night hikes, bird watching, leaf study and other aspects of ecology are being organized, and individual or group nature study, is in the planning stage.

Information will be provided at certain areas along the trails to allow interested persons to walk through the nature area around the building. There will be a year-round nature study program in the park provided by the Terre Haute Park and Recreation Department.

The nature center currently has two naturalists and a third is to be hired soon. Naturalists Rondald Helms, who has a bachelor's degree and is finishing a master's degree in life sciences at Indiana State University, and Sharon Blair, who has a biology bachelor's degree and master's in natural resources from Ball State University, have been organizing the school activities. Helms has worked onthe nature center's development for about four years.

The property for the 105-acre park was donated by Miss Dobbs with the stipulation that it be used to maintain and preserve all kinds of wildlife, plants and trees, especially those native to Indiana. She also requested the park not be commercialized and be admission free.

There are 318 species of plants and 114 different vertebrate animals in the park, according to Helms.

Citizens may visit the center from 8 a.m. to dark Monday through Saturday year-round and from noon until dark on Sundays.

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Park fence up despite controversy

By COLLEEN SIMS
Tribune Staff Writer

Quite a bit of controversy has developed over the installation of a fence around the nature preserve area of Dobbs Park.

The Terre Haute Park and Recreation Department has again continued the installation of a chain link fence around the 24-acre nature preserve area in the back of the park this week, after having the project halted a few weeks ago because of protest from residents of the Lincolnshire area.

The Park and Recreation Department officials report the fence is necessary to protect the nature preserve and the 15-acre state-dedicated old growth virgin forest within the preserve.

Patrick Dougherty, superintendent of the Park and Recreation Department, said the park personnel are opposed to fencing just to fence in the park and keep people out, but said they feel the fence is necessary to protect the nature preserve and the old growth virgin forest.

"It's a unique thing to have an old growth forest in the city," Dougherty said. "And, we're going to preserve it."

He reported Terre Haute is the only city in the state which has had such an old growth forest dedicated within its limits.

He explained that an old growth forest is one which has not been tampered with since its origin as far as naturalists can determine. The nature preserve, he added, is an area around the old growth forest, which is to be left as is to let nature work in its own ways with only paths through it to allow people to observe the work of nature.

Dougherty said the department naturalists and representatives from Indiana State University's Department of Life Sciences agree that the fence is needed on the back side of the park to protect the area.

An open area behind the park is currently being developed as a subdivision, Dougherty reported.

He said seven-foot chain link fencing is to be installed around the area, except where one house is already under construction, where a four-foot fence will be installed instead. The fence was obtained from the city-owned Fort Harrison Industrial Park.

Gloria Etheridge, 124 E. Lawrin Blvd., has been one of the persons fighting the fence.

"We're not quarreling with the park's desire to protect a very special area," she said, adding the residents in the area feel "something in keeping with a natural barrier" would be better than a chain link fence, which she said would be a "blight on the environment."

She pointed out the residents protested when the fence was originally being installed and obtained a temporary halt until Mayor William J. Brighton returned to the city and could review the situation. She said the approval has since been given to continue the project and those opposing the fence had not talked with the mayor.

Mrs. Etheridge said a state naturalist had been contacted

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WORKING ON DOBBS FENCE — Terre Haute Park and Recreation Department employees work on the installation of a fence around the Dobbs Park nature preserve. A controversy has developed over the installation of the fence — with park officials saying it is necessary to protect the old growth forest in the preserve and area residents asking for a more natural type of barrier. Working on the installation Tuesday were, from left, Charles Urbain, Joe Crabb, Kelvin Goatee, Willie Palacios and Joe Stewart.

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City Plans to Dedicate Nature Center Saturday

Parks & Recreation / Vigo Co

By COLLEEN SIMS
Tribune Staff Writer

The nature center in the John G. Dobbs Memorial Park will officially be dedicated at a public open house Saturday.

The dedication ceremonies have been scheduled for 10 a.m. in the nature center building in the rear of the city park.

The ceremonies will mark the opening of the nature study program to the public.

A short slide presentation will be presented and displays will be available at the dedication ceremonies.

To be at the dedication are Mayor William J. Brighton, City Council members, Terre Haute Park and Recreation Department officials and Park and Recreation Board members, Vigo County School Corporation representatives, the architects of the nature center building and relatives of Effie Dobbs who gave the land for the park to the city in 1944 in memory of her father and as a living war memorial to the service men and women of World War II.

A year-round nature study program is to be provided in the park by the Terre Haute Park and Recreation Department.

Three naturalists are eventually to be available to organize individual or group nature study in the park, with the nature center building used as a center out of which to plan the studies. Trails with information material located at intervals are to be developed to allow interested citizens to walk through the nature area around the building.

The building, funded by $55,000 of cigarette tax money, was completed this fall and has been opened to the Vigo County School Corporation classes and some groups this winter.

Two naturalists, Ronald Helms, who has his bachelor's degree and is about to finish his master's degree in life sciences at Indiana State University, and Sharon Blair, with a biology bachelor's degree and a master's in natural resources from Ball State University, are currently working at the center and have been organizing the school activities. A third naturalist is to be hired soon.

The 105-acre park has 318 species of plants and 114 different vertebrate animals with 14 different community types, ranging from grass-forb to a 14-acre old-growth deciduous forest, according to Helms, who has worked on the development of the nature center for about four years.

The old-growth deciduous forest, or virgin forest, was designated a State Nature Preserve in 1975. The designation of such a preserve guarantees that the approximate 25 acres of land will remain untouched in the future as it has been previously.

Special sessions are to be set up on specific topics, such as night hikes, bird watching, leaf study or other aspects of ecology.

The center will be open from 8 a.m. to dark Monday through Saturday throughout the year. On Sundays, the hours will be from noon until dark.

Park and Recreation Department Superintendent Patrick Doughterty told The TRIBUNE the development of the nature center at the park is "getting back to the original purpose" of the park and taking it even further.

Dougherty explained that Miss Dobbs donated the property with the stipulation that it be used as a place to maintain and

LINCOLNSHIRE RESIDENTS STILL HOPE TO STOP FENCE

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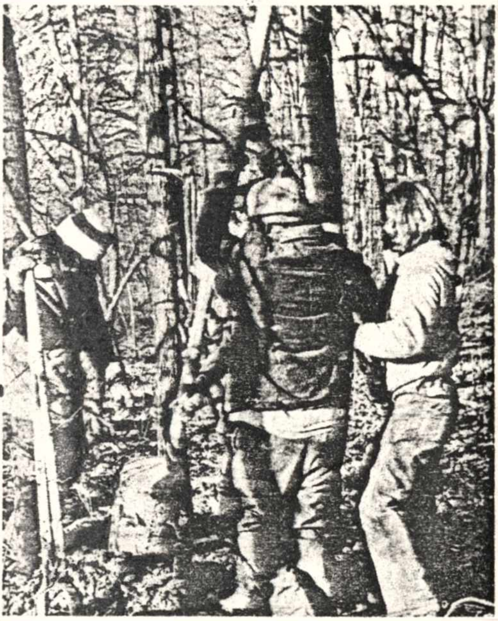

City workers start installation on fence around Dobbs Park. Photo by Carl Walters.

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Lincolnshire residents have not given up their attempt to overturn a recent Terre Haute Park Board decision. They oppose the board's decision to surround three sides of the back portion of Dobbs Park with a 7-foot chain link fence.

Susan McCarthy, who lives in Lincolnshire and is Democratic precinct committeeman for the area, told The Spectator she had been to see Mayor Bill Brighton about the issue. She said Brighton promised to talk to Pat Daugherty, park department superintendent, and get back to her. At press time she had not yet heard from the mayor.

Gloria Etheridge, a resident whose husband is director of community development for the Lincolnshire Homeowner's Association, said last week that Brighton had not yet answered the Association's Nov. 9 letter to him about the fence. Etheridge said the fence is not up yet, and residents have several courses of action open to them in their efforts to see the portion of the park in question protected by a natural barrier rather than an unsightly one.

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Tall tales abound at rodeo

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PARKS & RECREATION (VC)

Fish stories abounded Saturday at a fishing rodeo that attracted some 600 kids to Dobbs Park. The fish undoubtedly had some stories of their own to tell — in schools, of course — about the confusion of lines and the smorgasbord of goodies from doughballs to worms.

Parents and even a few relatives and neighbors came to the park, hoping their favorite kid would angle for a fish big enough to qualify for a prize.

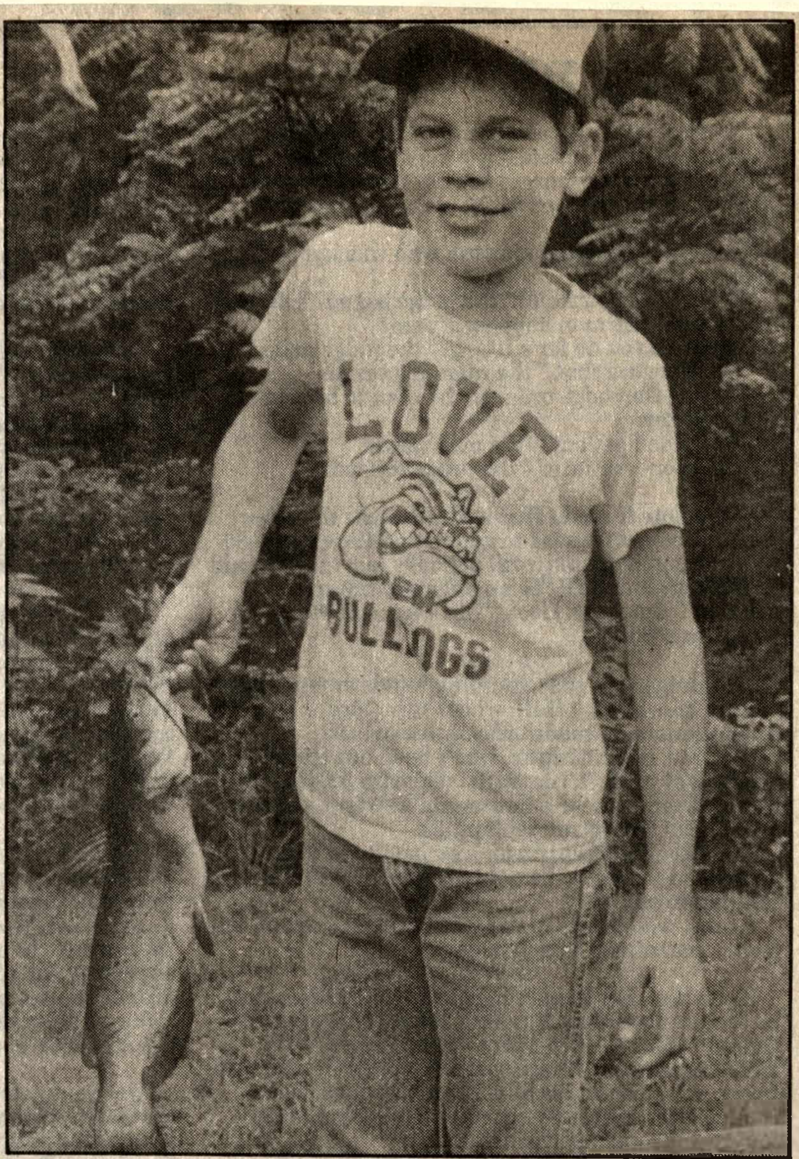
The George family staked out a claim on the east bank and had several poles in the water — mother and father lounging and helping bait hooks and carry catches to the weigh-in.

Nine-year-old Winona George was described by father George as "a cousin and she's landed the biggest."

She certainly did. At 11:30 a.m. with only 1½ hours remaining for the contest, Winona had landed the biggest bass, a ¾-pounder, which eventually netted her a bicycle as the girl catching the largest fish.

The bicycle in the boys' category was reeled in by 11-year-old Steve Schroder, who also won the trophy for the largest overall fish. Weight and species were not given.

The contest was to begin at 9 a.m., but Rita Coleman, special events coordinator for the Park Department, said she arrived a bit after 7 a.m. and was closely followed by the first young fisherman and his family.



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Nice catch: Steven Schroeder with a channel catfish.

Contestants were still flowing in after 11 a.m. Coleman hadn't kept score since 9:30, but estimated the total at more than 500.

Bill Poff of Poff's Sporting Goods, a co-sponsor, said participation was up 30 to 40 percent over last year, despite menacing weather.

"We like to get young people involved and interested in the sport," Poff said. "Sure it's publicity for us, but fishing is an enjoyable sport — very relaxing. Right now about 50 percent of the homes are headed by a single parent. Often that's the mother and they don't take the kids fishing. We're insuring our future."

The parade to the scales continued all morning. Some catches were barely big enough for bait, but naturalist Bill Koehler awarded a 1-ounce credit anyway. It might tip the balance for the total weight winner.

Kim Miller, 8, approached the weigh-in accompanied by several older boys. She watched anxiously as Koehler weighed her catfish.

"Eight ounces," he announced, and Mary Beth Eberwein recorded the catch on the catfish tote board.

"Are you using worms?" someone asked.

"No. These are nightcrawlers," she giggled.

Prizes were awarded at 1:30. In addition to George and Schroder, $20 gift certificates at Poff's were awarded to Stephanie Yang, 5, and Rusty Kerr 10, for catching the most fish. Stephanie pulled in 17 and Rusty lured 10.

Besides the top awards, some 45 other prizes of tackle boxes and rods and reels were awarded to boys and girls in the three age groups.

Periodically the tolling dinner bell sounded the time for another door prize winner. Contestants drew from a grab bag for prizes of lures or other fisherman's delights.

"Of all the park activities I'm involved in, I like this one best," Coleman said. "It brings families out together. It gives you a good feeling."

Neighbors concerned about park fencing

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Chain link fence ordered around Dobbs Park

Sp. Dec. 3, 1977

by Susan Crittenden

The Terre Haute Park Board held two meetings last week to consider fencing the back portion of Dobbs Park on three sides with a 7 or 8 foot chain link fence. This action is opposed by many area residents, who prefer use of a natural bramble barrier instead. Both groups apprenatly are in agreement that some type protection is needed.

Lincoln shire residents learned of an unannounced Park Board meeting at the Dobbs Park Nature Center on Sunday, Nov. 20, and a number of them attended. The monthly public board meeting was held two days later in the same location, on Nov. 22. The first session clearly failed to meet requirements of the state's sunshine law.

A standing-room-only crowd of about 40 gathered at the regularly scheduled Park Board meeting, along with park superintendent Pat Daugherty and board members Kenneth Coy, Gene Verostko, William Hamilton and Ed Shulz. Daugherty, who has recommended use of the fencing taken from the old Tumpane property, ran the meeting, even to the extent of recommending wording for a motion the board finally approved.

The back 24 acres of Dobbs Park contain an "old growth forest" and have been dedicated by the state as a nature preserve. That is the area that needs protection from outside encroachment. Daugherty presented Indiana State University Professor Marion Jackson as an ecology expert who believes a chain link fence is the only solution. Jackson said the area must be protected from outside debris.

Jackson said that he has seen wood huts in the forest preserve, as well as serious cuts in an elm tree. "I'm concerned about these things," he said. He also noted that a natural barrier would consist of introduced species that could invade the area or that might not grow because of dense shade.

Susan McCarthy, area resident and member of the Vigo County Park Board, urged use of an environmental fence and an educational process. She cited the agricultural extension service's horticulturalist, Robert Fuller, and a state expert, both of whom believe use of a planted barrier is possible. "The fence is not correct for our neighborhood, we are asking for balance between the preservation process and our environment," she said.

Daugherty pointed out, "If a species is cut, its gone from the area for good. The department has gone over this carefully and believes the only solution is a chain link fence."

Eugene Etheridge, head of Lincolnshire's community development committee, made a plea for use of the area for park purposes. He cited the will of Effie Dobbs, which left the entire property to the city for use as a park. "If conditions of the will are broken, title reverts to the heirs," Etheridge said.

He also noted that he has done research on the legal meaning of "park" and the word means recreation, not education. The word "preserve" is a contrary purpose, Etheridge said, meaning protection. He added that it is out of order for the land to be designated as a preserve.

About four years ago, the Park Department considered fencing along the west boundary of Dobbs Park. After neighborhood opposition developed, plans for the fence were scrubbed by the board and an educational campaign was cooperatively developed by neighbors and park officials. Both sides in the current dispute agree, apparently, that that program has succeeded.

At this time, land development on the north side of Lincolnshire is beginning. That seems to have added to the department's wish to fence the protected area of the park. Opponents are concerned not only with the aesthetic quality of a chain link fence, but also with the barrier it presents to wildlife.

Daugherty maintains horseback riders are going through the preserve; residents deny this. All agree that a motorcycle was in the protected area recently. Daugherty also talks in terms of large groups of teenagers wandering through the front and back portions of the park at night. He says they are there without cars, so must be from the neighborhood. Residents disagree.

It was clear at the meeting that the fourth side of the protected area of Dobbs Park will be fenced if problems of ingress are not eliminated by fencing three sides.

Schulz brought discussion to a close. "We spent two hours Sunday and an hour today discussing this. I think the board should go on record now. I had six telephone calls on the subject; five of the callers wanted the fence."

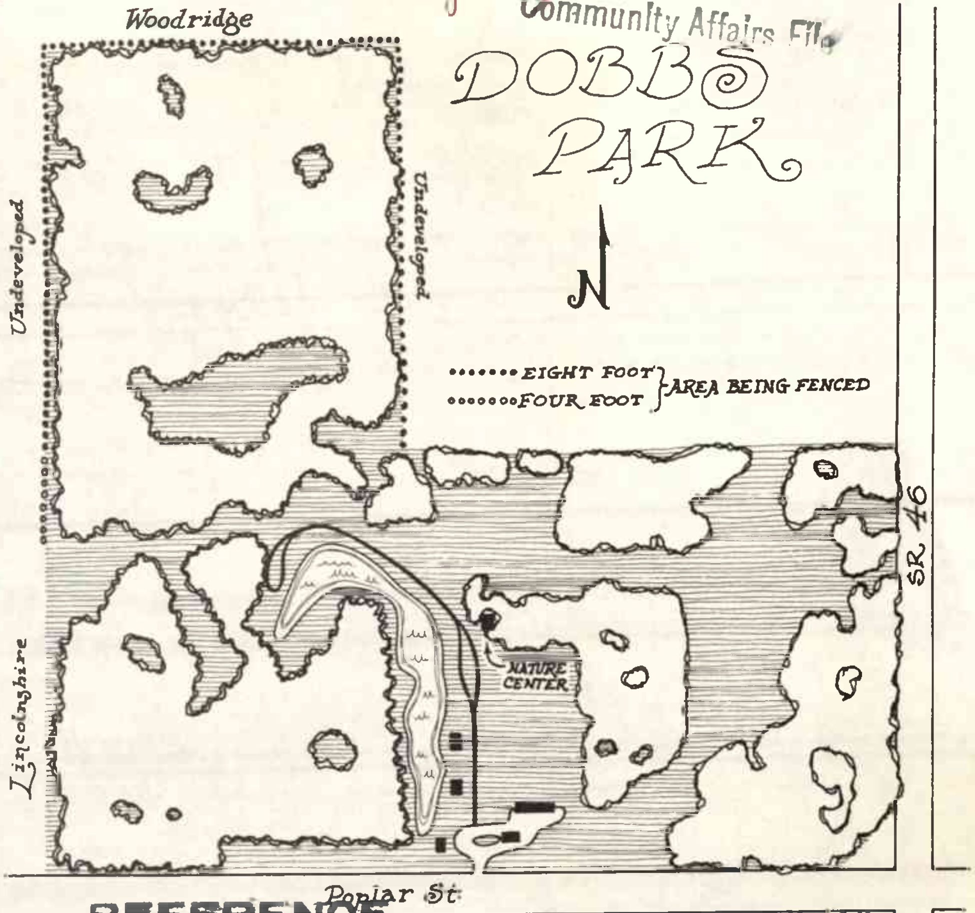
Schulz made several motions that were not voted on, including one to use four foot fencing along the west side; it died for lack of a second. McCarthy then requested the board to appoint a committee of interested citizens, experts and park representatives to make a recommendation. Her suggestion fell on deaf ears -- not one word was uttered about it.

Instead, Daugherty stepped forward and suggested someone on the board should move that the department fence the preserve with seven foot fencing except for four foot fencing behind a house now under construction. The vote was three yes, with Shulz voting "no."

Daugherty later told The Spectator the portion of lower fence was approved because the owner is in the middle of building a $150,000 house. When construction began the owner thought the nature preserve would be an extension of his back yard visually. It would hurt his investment to put up a seven foot fence, Daugherty said.

Daugherty, who explained that the fence will be four feet inside the Dobbs Park property boundary line, said, "The fence will be up before your paper is printed." Installation will be by park department employees.

A spokesman for Lincolnshire opponents of the chain link fence told The Spectator at press time that they have not given up. They had a letter on Mayor Bill Brighton's desk about the fence on Nov. 11. While they have not had an answer from him, they are appealing to him again. They hope he will intervene in their behalf.



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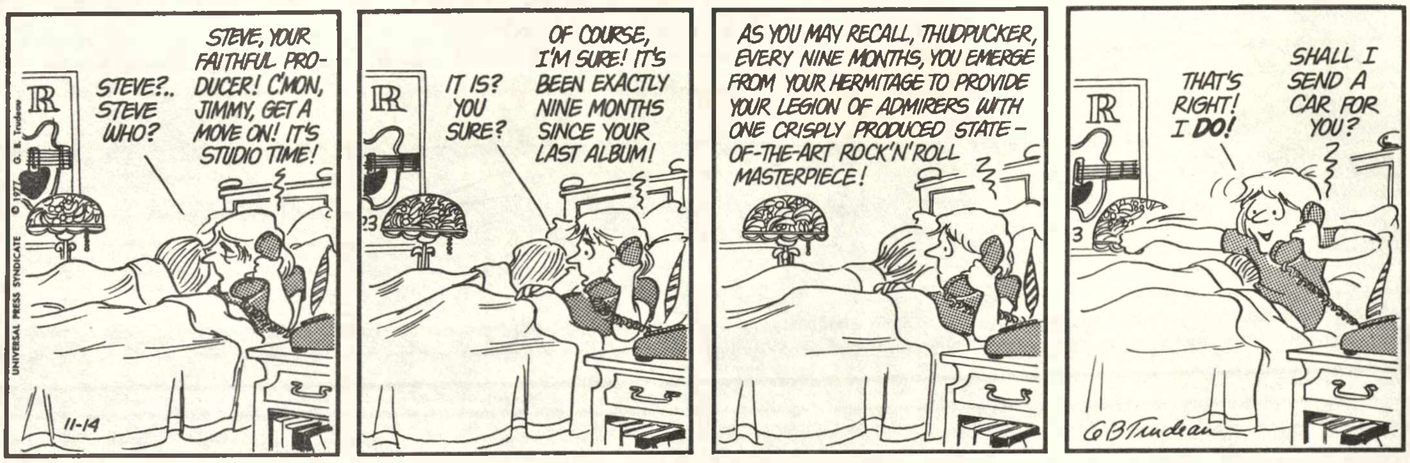
by Garry Trudeau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STEVE?.. STEVE WHO?
STEVE, YOUR FAITHFUL PRODUCER! C'MON, JIMMY, GET A MOVE ON! IT'S STUDIO TIME!
11-14
IT IS? YOU SURE?
OF COURSE, I'M SURE! IT'S BEEN EXACTLY NINE MONTHS SINCE YOUR LAST ALBUM!
AS YOU MAY RECALL, THUDPUCKER, EVERY NINE MONTHS, YOU EMERGE FROM YOUR HERMITAGE TO PROVIDE YOUR LEGION OF ADMIRERS WITH ONE CRISPLY PRODUCED STATE-OF-THE-ART ROCK'N'ROLL MASTERPIECE!
THAT'S RIGHT! I DO!
SHALL I SEND A CAR FOR YOU?
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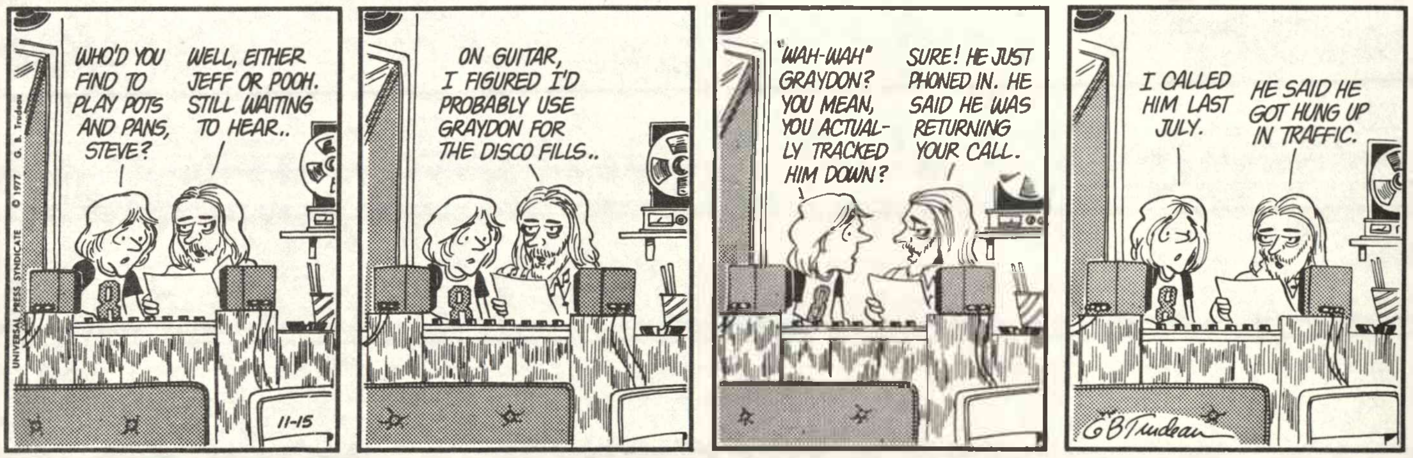
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WHO'D YOU FIND TO PLAY POTS AND PANS, STEVE?
WELL, EITHER JEFF OR POOH. STILL WAITING TO HEAR..
11-15
ON GUITAR, I FIGURED I'D PROBABLY USE GRAYDON FOR THE DISCO FILLS..
"WAH-WAH" GRAYDON? YOU MEAN, YOU ACTUALLY TRACKED HIM DOWN?
SURE! HE JUST PHONED IN. HE SAID HE WAS RETURNING YOUR CALL.
I CALLED HIM LAST JULY.
HE SAID HE GOT HUNG UP IN TRAFFIC.
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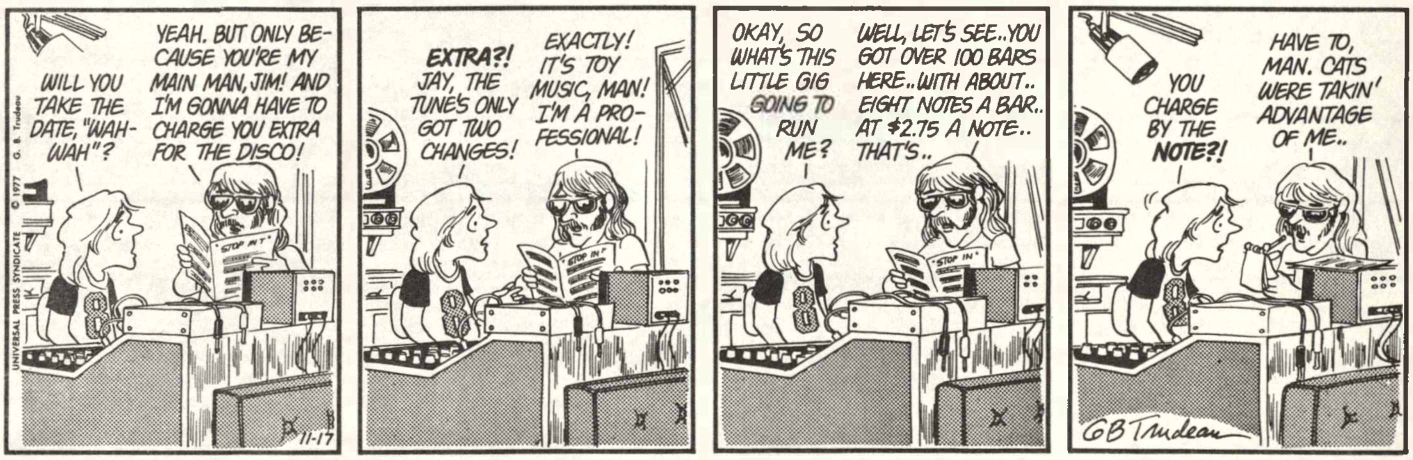
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WILL YOU TAKE THE DATE, "WAH-WAH"?
YEAH. BUT ONLY BECAUSE YOU'RE MY MAIN MAN, JIM! AND I'M GONNA HAVE TO CHARGE YOU EXTRA FOR THE DISCO!
"STOP IN"
11-17
EXTRA?! JAY, THE TUNE'S ONLY GOT TWO CHANGES!
EXACTLY! IT'S TOY MUSIC, MAN! I'M A PROFESSIONAL!
OKAY, SO WHAT'S THIS LITTLE GIG GOING TO RUN ME?
WELL, LET'S SEE..YOU GOT OVER 100 BARS HERE..WITH ABOUT.. EIGHT NOTES A BAR.. AT $2.75 A NOTE.. THAT'S..
YOU CHARGE BY THE NOTE?!
HAVE TO, MAN. CATS WERE TAKIN' ADVANTAGE OF ME..
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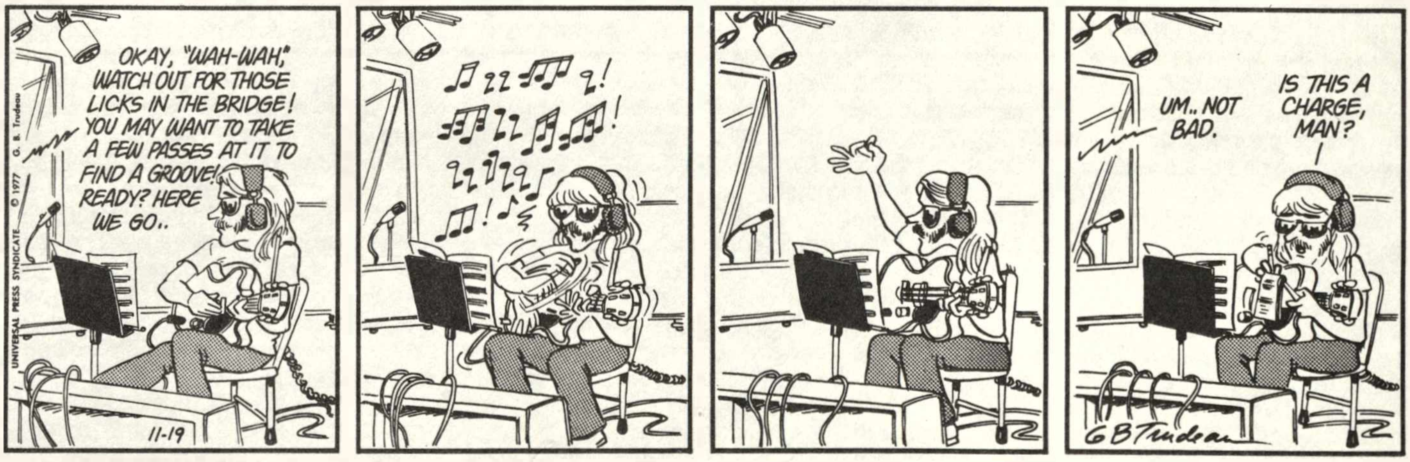
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OKAY, "WAH-WAH," WATCH OUT FOR THOSE LICKS IN THE BRIDGE! YOU MAY WANT TO TAKE A FEW PASSES AT IT TO FIND A GROOVE! READY? HERE WE GO..
11-19
UM.. NOT BAD.
IS THIS A CHARGE, MAN?
GBTrudeau

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JACKSON ASKS FOR CLARIFICATIONS

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to certain statements contained in your article entitled "Neighbors concerned about park fencing," which appeared in the December 3, 1977, issue of **Spectator.** Your report included some misinterpretations of fact and intent that need clarification.

In paragraph four, you state "Dougherty (sic) presented Indiana State University Professor Marion Jackson as an ecology expert who believes a chain link fence is the only solution." I was not introduced as an "ecology expert" nor did Mr. Dougherty or I state that "I believe a chain link fence is the only solution." First, I am an ecologist with several years experience in natural area preservation, not an ecology expert. Anyone who claims to be an expert in any discipline fails to recognize the limits of their knowledge. Second, any comments that I made at the November 22, 1977, meeting at Dobbs Park were made by Marion Jackson, private citizen, and by my own volition. At no time was I speaking for Indiana State University, or as a faculty member of ISU or as a spokesman for the Terre Haute City Park Board. Speaking for oneself as opposed to representing an organization is an important distinction that should not be misunderstood. Third, I did **not** say that I believed a chain link fence was the **only** solution. The essence of what I did say is summarized below:

1. I began by stating that my comments would be limited to the problem of protecting the Dobbs Park Nature Preserve, rather than considering any of the sociological or economic issues involved in the controversy.

2. I commented that I was concerned about protecting the old-growth forest from such activities as debris dumping (particularly along the north boundary), unauthorized access, acts of vandalism such as cutting dead trees and building play huts of dead limbs, and establishment of introduced species as a result of dumping plant remains from adjoining suburban lots. I did voice my opinion that I felt a chain link fence would help prevent such activities from occurring.

3. When questioned about a natural barrier fence as a solution, I stated that the first kind of barrier planting that most people think of is multiflora rose. I commented that some states prohibit the sale of multiflora rose, due to its tendency to spread into open land, thereby causing problems. Further cautions voiced against a natural fence were that most such species require open sunlight, hence necessitating planting some distance from the woods edge, particularly on the northside. Additionally, I mentioned that if shade tolerant barrier plantings were used, such species afre often more aggressive than native plants and could spread into the natural area and become a nuisance.

In later disucssion, Dr. Etheridge commented at length regarding the definitions of "park" and "preserve" and that a park is for recreation but a preserve is for protection, implying by his statements that the Terre Haute City Park Department and the Indiana Division of Nature Preserves were out of order by designating part of Dobbs Park as a State Nature Preserve. I responded that his definitions were an "unfortunate oversimplification," then amplified the meaning of that wording by citing other cases in which portions of "parks" had been dedicated as nature preserves. An example specified was the 1,500 plus-acre Dunes Nature Preserve within Indiana's Dunes State Park.

I realize that your short article was an abridgement of the total transcript of the meeting and that verbatim quotes of all that transpired were not possible. Notwithstanding, the report should have reflected the actual essence of what was stated.

Sincerely yours,
Marion T. Jackson
Terre Haute

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ETHERIDGE RESPONDS ON LINCOLNSHIRE STORY

Sp DEC 24 1977

Dear Editor:

I would like to respond to Dr. Marion Jackson's letter in the December 17 issue of The Spectator. The letter, as you will recall, was written in response to your coverage of a meeting of the Terre Haute Park Board, November 22, at the Nature Center in Dobbs Park. The subject of the meeting involved a decision of the Board to erect the old military fence taken from the Tumpane Property around the back acres of the Park. In his letter Dr. Jackson criticizes you for poor reporting of that meeting and me of "unfortunate oversimplification." Though the contents of his letter, otherwise, would hardly of themselves inspire me to comment, these two points should not go unchallenged.

There was no official transcript of that meeting, so anything you, or Dr. Jackson would choose to say now must be based on memory. So as I recall the meeting, Mr. Dougherty did present Jackson as an ecology expert, which Jackson now resents being called. He was not at the Nov. 20 meeting of the Board, at which we requested that Dougherty bring in an expert, so we might hear his advice. Well, what else were we to expect as the meeting in question opened and Dr. Jackson was introduced to express his opinion? Certainly, he was there at Mr. Dougherty's request. He didn't just walk in off the street. Nor is he personally involved because he doesn't even live in Indiana, let alone Terre Haute. Dr. Jackson was present because he was invited as an expert in ecology and because the Nature Center is a halfway house for his former students, who presently consume three full-time salaries and one half-time salary to the tune of $29,000 a year of taxpayers' money.

So Dr. Jackson does not like being called an expert. He says, "Anyone who claims to be an expert in any discipline fails to recognize the limits of their knowledge." Well, one thing is certain, Dr. Jackson is not an expert in English grammar, or he would not have written that sentence. A careful distinction, though, that he failed to make in his letter is that nobody said he called himself an expert. I agree with him; it is quite immodest for one to call himself an expert. But if I want to call him an expert, which I do, what harm is there in that? Shouldn't one take it as a compliment and respond with a thank you? Yes, Dr. Jackson just has to be an expert because only a person at such a level could be saddened that he saw a daffodil, "a foreign species," growing on the edge of Dobbs Park. Me, I always enjoy daffodils, but I'm not an expert, you see. I wish there were thousands of them in Dobbs Park.

Now about Dr. Jackson's insistence that we think of him as a private citizen rather than as a professional representative of his employer. Here again, Dr. Jackson is too sensitive, I fear. It is true that we were cautioned by the administration of our employer, and rightly so, to speak and write on controversial issues as private citizens. However, we can be sure that when we do, anyone covering what we say has the perfect right to identify our occupation. You, Madam Editor, did Dr. Jackson a disservice when you identified him by occupation. In fact, you were helping to establish his expertise by doing so. You are perfectly within your right, and you have every right to express your opinion that Dr. Jackson is also an expert. You said it; he didn't, so he has no cause to complain.

All at the meeting understood his expert opinion to be an endorsement of this military fence around the lovely Dobbs Park Nature Preserve. Other alternatives? of course there are: stone walls and electrified fences will also serve to keep people out of their park. But the opinion of two other experts were given at the meeting, ones from Robert Fuller and Dr. Donald Owen. They disagreed with Dr. Jackson, calling for a natural barrier.

In addition to illustrating our abuse of the Park by denouncing that audacious little daffodil, Dr. Jackson implies that the play hut in the forest was made by children from Lincolnshire. This is logical, for our children live next to the park. However, three children live nearer than that; they live in the park itself. Isn't it more logical to assume, if you argue that way, that they built the play hut? Children will play, and these children no longer have playground equipment to use, since the Park Superintendent has removed all such from the park. Yet I know that neither these nor Lincolnshire children built the play hut. It was there thirteen years ago when I first visited the park, a time before any of these children was born.

My final point of rebuttal involves Dr. Jackson's reference to my speech before the Board as "an unfortunate oversimplification." I hope he doesn't mean what I get from that neat little phrase: a sloppy or dishonest mind. I assure Dr. Jackson that my speech was prepared with much care and after legal advice from one of Terre Haute's leading attorneys. It is true that my case was simply stated because Effie Dobbs' will is also simple. She said the park -- all 55 acres of it -- is a "city forest" for "park purpose." What else could I say but give a legal definition of "park"? She did not say a state park, a military park, and she certainly did not say a forest preserve. Yes, as Dr. Jackson says, I do believe the Park Board in its "Master Plan" violates the will of Effie Dobbs -- and so do others who are experts in handling wills. The Indiana Division of Nature Preserves has nothing to do with the matter at hand. Their involvement is in no way legally binding. The "Master Plan," as we all know, is the creature of the Park Board and is legal only insofar as it works within the legal meaning of the will of Effie Dobbs. The conflict between these two documents will, no doubt, eventually have to be settled in court, which eventuality we are prepared to meet.

In conclusion, Madam Editor, I want to thank you for being so kind to come to the meeting. I think you did an excellent job of reportage. If anything, you were too kind to the Park Board and Mr. Dougherty. It was grand to have you show your concern. Others we invited were apparently not interested in what we fear may be the administration's attempt to commandeer the parks of Terre Haute for purposes other than for which they are legally supposed to be used.

Oh, yes, the next time you see Dr. Jackson, I would appreciate it if you asked him about his address. He lists it as Terre Haute at the end of his letter. Strange, I thought, for this is his professional address. Yet he complains that you should have avoided identifying him with his employer. Citizen Jackson, in fact, lives in Dennison, Illinois, a lovely rural community beyond the threat of any fence whatever.

Eugene W. Etheridge
124 East Lawrin Boulevard

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Parks & Recreation (VC)-Dobbs

A Goggle Eye will be on display during an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday in Dobbs Nature Center, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary.

"The Goggle Eye simulates what an insect sees," said Bill Koehler, naturalist at Dobbs. To use it, a person puts his head into a box and sees 19 different versions of what they're viewing.

Koehler said in reality an insect, such as a fly, will see as many as 200 versions of the subject it is looking at with its compound eye. The naturalist bought the lens from a Minnesota company and made the insect head from a cardboard box.

A small sponge dangling from the box simulates a fly tongue. Koehler said the display is fragile and only brought out for special occasions.

As for the open house, Koehler said punch and cake will be served to visitors.

The nature center is named after John Dobbs, a local farmer and furniture store owner around the turn of the century, according to Koehler. His daughter, Effie Dobbs, donated 105 acres to the city in the mid-1940s. Thousands of trees were planted there by the city on what had been corn fields.

Koehler said personnel at Dobbs are working on a dinosaur exhibit in one section of the kiddy corner. It will have models, puzzles and other items about dinosaurs.

Dobbs fence

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Parks Department delays fence

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Residents of Lincolnshire are happy that they still have free and open access to Dobbs Park, but they don't know to what they should attribute their good fortune. They also don't know how long it will last.

Late last November, the Terre Haute Park Board voted to surround three sides of the back portion of the park with a 7-foot high, chain link fence. The back 24 acres of Dobbs Park contain an "old growth forest" and have been dedicated by the state as a nature preserve. The board believes that area needs protection from outside encroachment.

Area residents opposed use of a fence for that purpose and instead urged use of an environmental fence, along with education of neighbors about problems.

Immediately following the Board's decision to use the metal fence, post holes were dug. But that was as far as the matter went.

Meanwhile, residents tried to pursue the issue with Mayor Bill Brighton. Brighton promised to discuss the situation with Pat Dougherty, park superintendent, but last week, nearly eight months after the meeting, residents have not had any word from the mayor.

Dougherty told The Spectator last week that he is waiting for growth to die off before proceeding further. "We had to quit work on the fence because the ground froze," he said. "There was ice in the post holes. Then it was spring, and we couldn't work on the fence because we don't want to destroy or damage any growth. As soon as things are dormant, we'll put the fence up," he said.

Stately American beech stands tall in Dobbs Park

By LARRY THOMAS
Dobbs Park Naturalist

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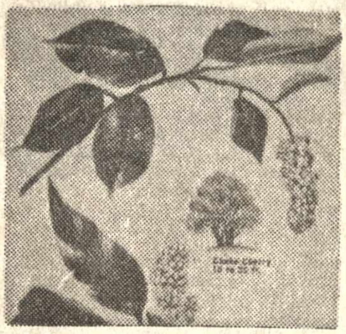

The sun is shining brightly on this beautiful August morning. The dew had dried in the meadow, a gentle summer breeze wafts its way through the treetops, and the songbirds and insects join in chorus to signal their approval. Its an ideal day for an outing to Dobbs Park. Let us take a leisurely stroll into the old growth forest to see what mother nature has in store for us today.

Entering the virgin woods, we at once notice the immense size and stature of the trees around us. One large tree stands out from the others due to the smooth nature and bluish-grey color of its bark. This stately tree is the American Beech. Let us pause under the spreading branches to learn more about this native American tree.

Ranging throughout the eastern United States, the American beech is generally found in rich, moist, well-drained soil. Together with Sugar maple, it can grow under more dense shade than other hardwoods, and its tough branches develop more rapidly than others when a distrurbance creates and opening in the forest canopy. Due to this shade tolerance, the American beech and Sugar maple overtop lesser tree species to gradually dominate the forest growth.

Growing to heights of 100 feet, the American beech is easily identified by its egg-shaped, course-toothed leaves which often remain on the tree well into winter, as well as by its smooth bluish-grey bark. In many cases, the nature of the distinctive bark has contributed to its death. The protective bark is quite thin making it very susceptible to fire damage. Because of its smooth grey bark, beech has attracted a certain type of park vandal know as the initial carver. Nothing good can be said for trying to attain a cheap immortality by scarring and possibly killing an otherwise attractive tree.

NATURE'S WAY

Enclosed in a spiny, soft husk, the fruit of the American beech consists of a small, triangular nut which is edible and considered choice. Ripe beechnuts are difficult to find though, for they are searched out and readily eaten by several species of birds and mammals. A particularly important food for squirrels and chipmunks, a beechnut crop failure can create a noticeable hardship on these animals.

In times past, oil pressed from the nuts was used in soapmaking and for illuminating purposes. The springy leaves were used to stuff mattresses and were preferred to straw because they lasted for a number of years without getting musty. Even today, the hard, heavy wood of the beech is used extensively for many products. Tool handles, fuel, charcoal, railroad ties, barrels and clothespins are just a few of the numerous products for which this wood is prized.

NATURE CENTER SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Sunday, Aug. 6, Terrarium building workshop. Bring a large jar and we'll tame some wild plants.

Saturday, Aug. 12, Trailside medicines. A short walk to see some forestry first aid.

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Dobbs Park: Oasis nestled in city limits

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By SHARON K. BLAIR
Dobbs Park Naturalist

A hawk circling in the air over 105 acres of untouched woodland. Deer browsing next to a quiet stream. Sound like the Canadian wilderness?

No, — it's actually Dobbs Park located at the intersection of state roads 46 and 42 with entrance on 42 or East Poplar St. on the southeast edge of Terre Haute.

Did you know that red and grey fox actually live right here in the city limits? Dobbs is also home for a pair of pileated woodpeckers, — birds that almost became extinct because they can only live in the deep woods. The 25 acres of virgin timber around the woodpecker home is so unique that it was designated a state Nature Preserve in 1975.

NATURE'S WAY

Take a stroll on trail number 1 through the Nature Preserve and enjoy the magnificence of our ancient oaks. Or hike along trail number 2 through a pine forest, past a winding stream and cutting through a bramble thicket. Some folks wonder why we don't mow down this weedy thicket and plant some grass. One walk however, on this trail tells you why. We have 114 different kinds of animals living in Dobbs, over half of them birds. Here in the "weeds" they find plenty of food and protection.

All of this exists thanks to Effie Dobbs who donated this, her father's farm to the city in 1944. The land had reverted to its natural state, recreating a section of Lost Creek Township the original settlers knew. Seeing the beauty of this land, Ms. Dobbs wanted it preserved for the enjoyment and education of future generations.

We have made two changes in the park. A two-acre lake was constructed and stocked with bass, blue gill, crappie and catfish.

A nature center, finished last year, has been filled with displays about the fish, reptiles, birds and mammals in Vigo County. A variety of groups from pre-school to high school, families from the area and as far away as New York have made use of the center and surrounding woods. You can visit us also and experience the most unique park in the Terre Haute area. The center is open Monday through Saturday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 6 p.m. All programs scheduled at 2 p.m. on the weekends (with a special 9 a.m. bird hike every Saturday), are free of charge and planned with all age groups in mind. For more information or to schedule a special activity, call us: 877-1095.

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Pier for handicapped will be built at Dobbs

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As part of its new emphasis on "special populations," the Terre Haute Park and Recreation Department will soon construct a handicapped-accessible fishing pier at the Dobbs Park pond.

Construction of the $300 pier should begin next week, according to Pat Ralston, park superintendent, who designed the structure.

The pier will be built according to guidelines suggested by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources with a slope and handrails. Once completed, it will hold two wheelchairs at a time.

If the Dobbs pier gets a lot of use, another may be constructed at the Deming Park lake.

The department will also designate a specific parking area for the handicapped, and will construct a walkway to the pier.

Ralston said that he already has most of the materials needed for construction, and that park employees will build the facility.

He noted that half of the picnic tables built for the department are now handicapped-accessible. And for the first time, thedepartment has a summer program devoted to "special populations" — involving swimming at Sheridan Park pool and other activities at Spencer Ball Park.

The program was made possible with $35,000 from the Harrison Township Trustee's office.

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Dobbs a national trail?

The self-guiding nature trail at Dobbs Park may soon be listed in the National Register of Scenic Trails.

Jim Grasso, outdoor recreation planner from Omaha, Neb., was in Terre Haute Thursday to inspect the trail and determine whether or not it is eligible. "It's in a very beautiful setting," he said. "I don't really anticipate any problems."

An application will be forwarded to the park service's office in Washington, D.C., and will be considered by the National Trails Council and the department of the Interior.

If approved, it will become a part of about 700 trails in the national system.

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Visit Dobbs Park new self-guided nature trail

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nature's way

By MARY BETH WASSEL
Dobbs Park Naturalist

Where in Terre Haute can you find oak trees over 200 years old, over 20 different kinds of spring wildflowers, and giant pileated woodpeckers at work?

On the new self-guiding nature trail at Dobbs Park, that's where!

Last fall, three ISU recreation students helped place numbered posts and write the brochure for our new trail. With the aid of this brochure, you can take a mile-long walk through much of the Dobbs Park forest and nature preserve and learn as you go. There are 20 numbered posts, each pointing out an interesting natural feature of our park.

Let's take a quick walk on the new trail and see some of its highlights:

West of post number 2, before we enter the woods, is one of Indiana's fastest growing shrubs, the multiflora rose. This rambling, thorny shrub is a favorite home of cottontail rabbts and many birds, including our state bird, the cardinal. If you look closely, you'll see last year's cardinal nest in the shrub.

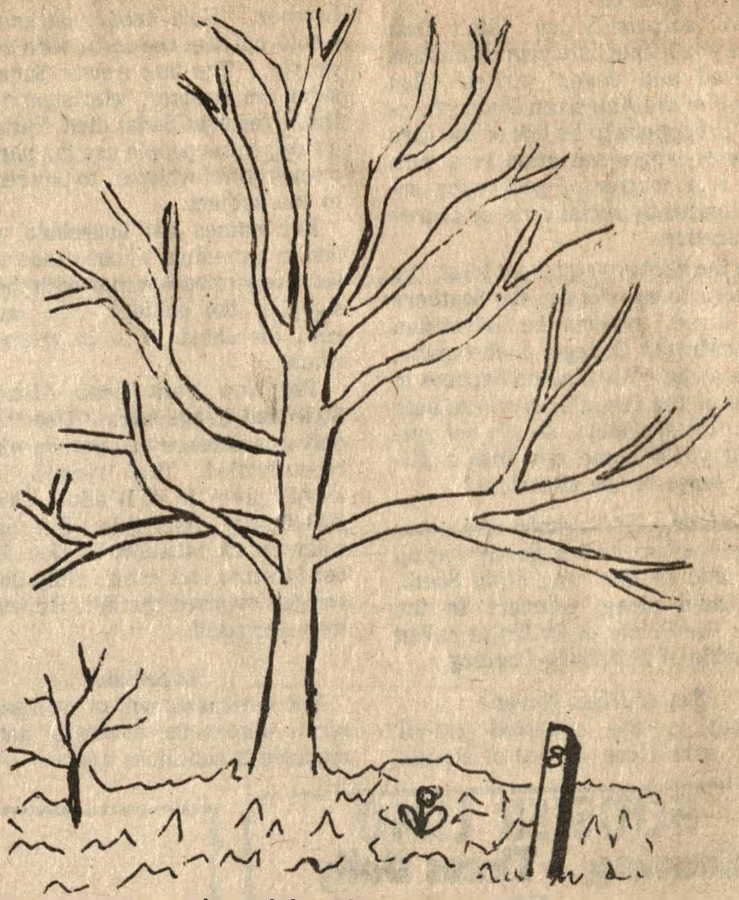
Multiflora rose fruits, called rose hips, are very high in vitamin C. Rose hips are eaten with relish by animals, and people!

One of the trail's most striking features is a large lightning-struck oak tree, near post number 8. The oak was struck by lightning during a thunderstorm in the summer of 1978, stripping a section of bark from its crown to its base.

The following summer, another storm blew the massive top out of this tree, placing it on the ground between two large oaks. But the huge trunk still stands, stripped of its bark and crowning branches. How long do you think this once-mighty giant will stand, before the harsh elements of nature succeed in toppling it?

Look down for a few minutes. In the spring, several kinds of beautiful wildflowers carpet the ground. The rich, moist soil of our nature preserve is ideal for the growth of wildflowers. Early bloomers are bloodroot and harbinger of spring. Following these are Dutchman's breeches, trout lilies, and spring beauties. Mayapple and Jack-in-the-pulpit are the late spring bloomers.

Watch for the pileated woodpecker as you continue on the trail. This crow-sized woodpecker is a frequent visitor to our nature preserve, chopping out oblong holes in both dead and live trees as it searches for insects. The pileated woodpecker has nested in Dobbs Park before, so look closely if you spot one working on a hole. It may be excavating a home, instead of lunch.



The old oak by Post #8

The self-guiding nature trail is open all year long. Just stop by the nature center and pick up a brochure before you begin your walk. We hope you enjoy your self-guided hike.

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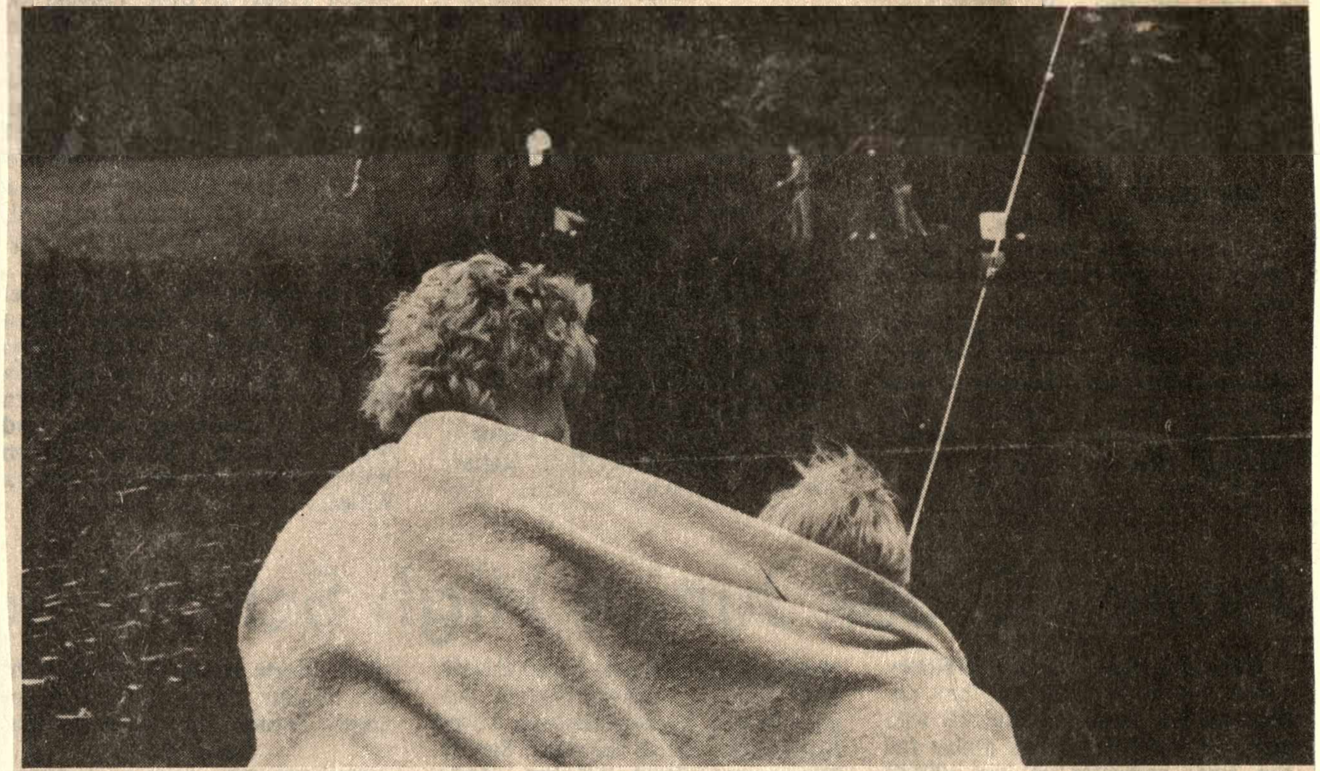
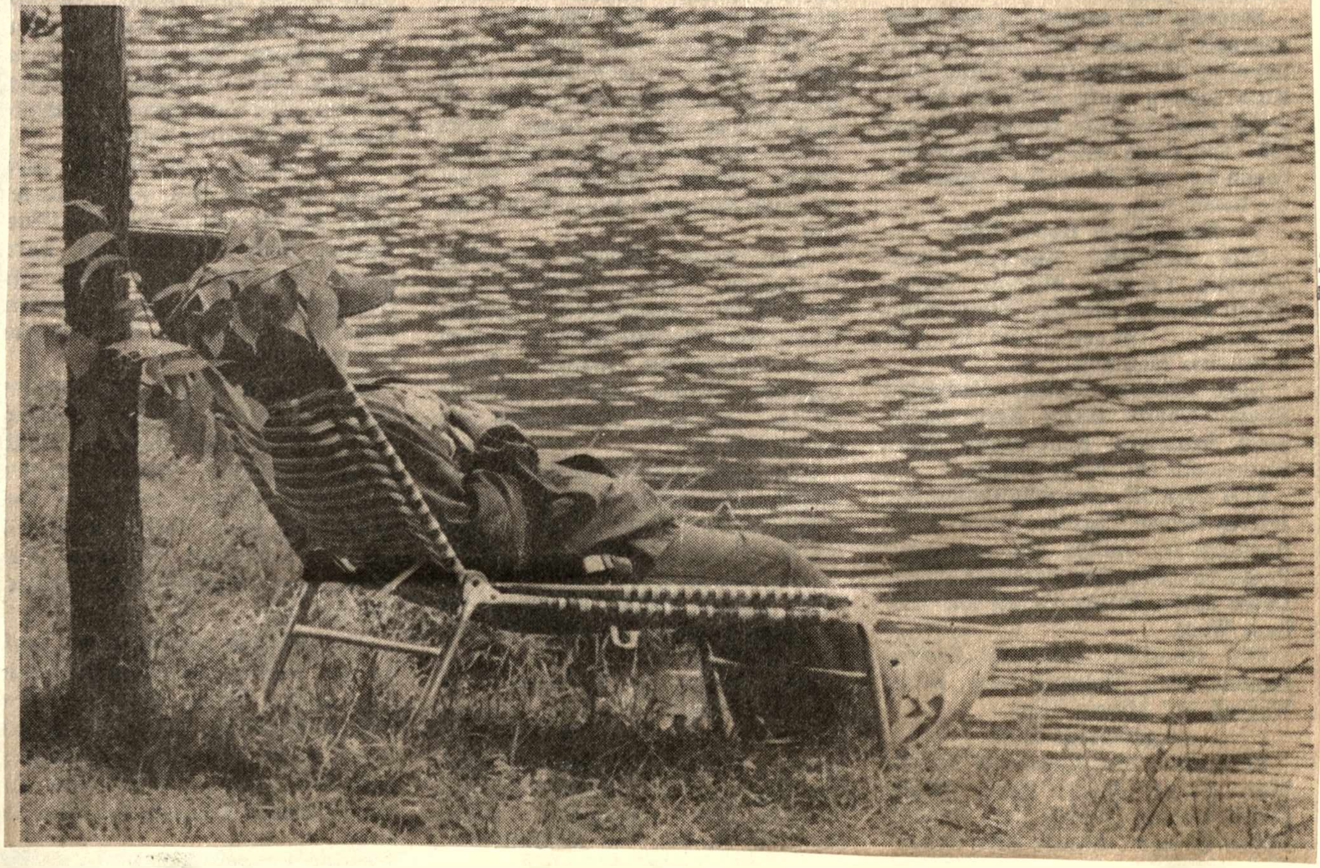
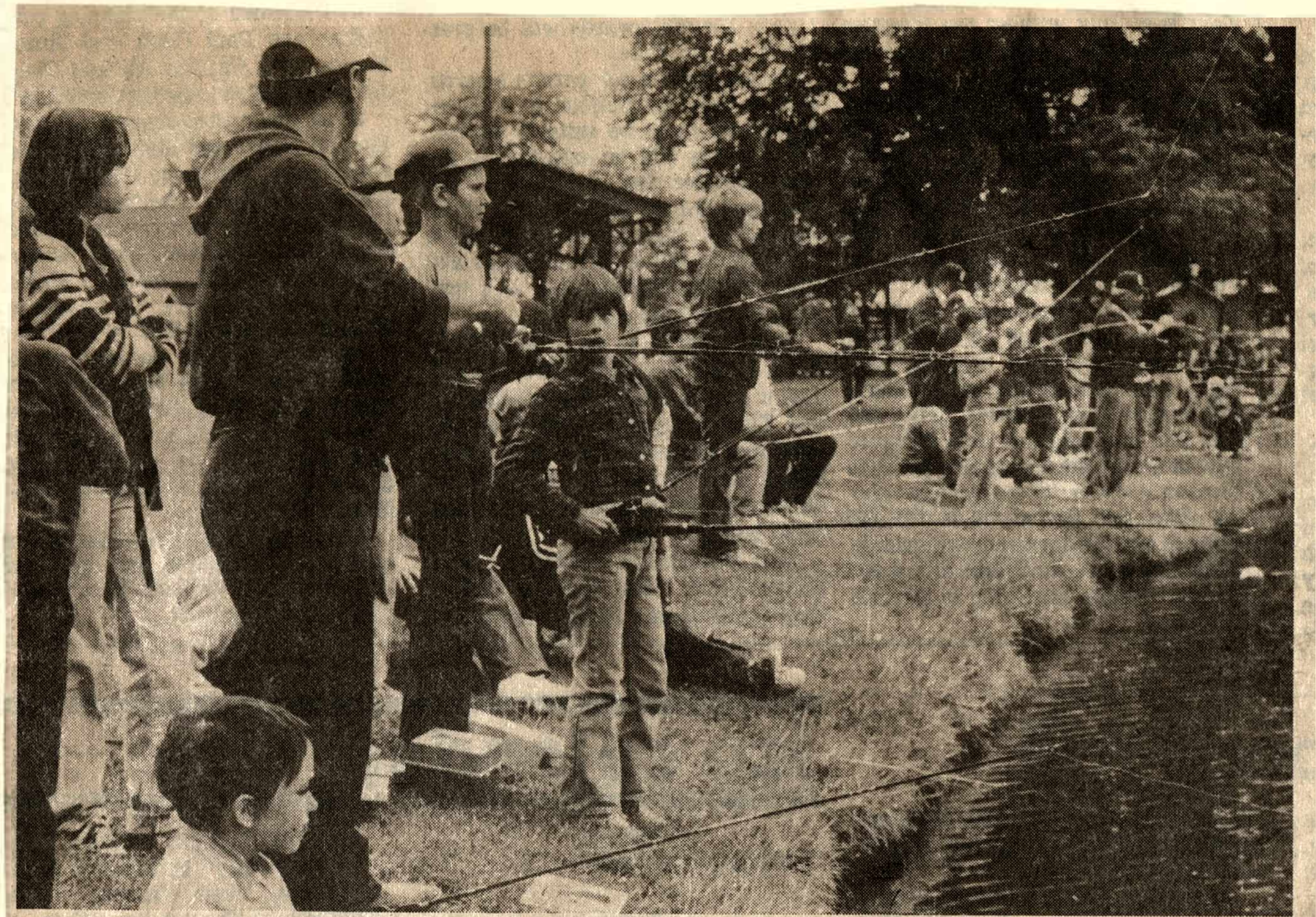
Dobbs hosts fishing rodeo







Fishing fun

Local youngsters had a chance to test their angling expertise Saturday during a "Fishing Rodeo" conducted at Dobbs Park. At top left, a number of fishermen anxiouusly wait for nibbles while fishing from the shore. At left, Nathaniel Brown, Geraldine Andrews and CHarles Brown head for the water, well-equipped for the occassion; while a couple of chilly sports huddle inside a blanket. Another youth (bottom right) decides he should have stayed in bed.

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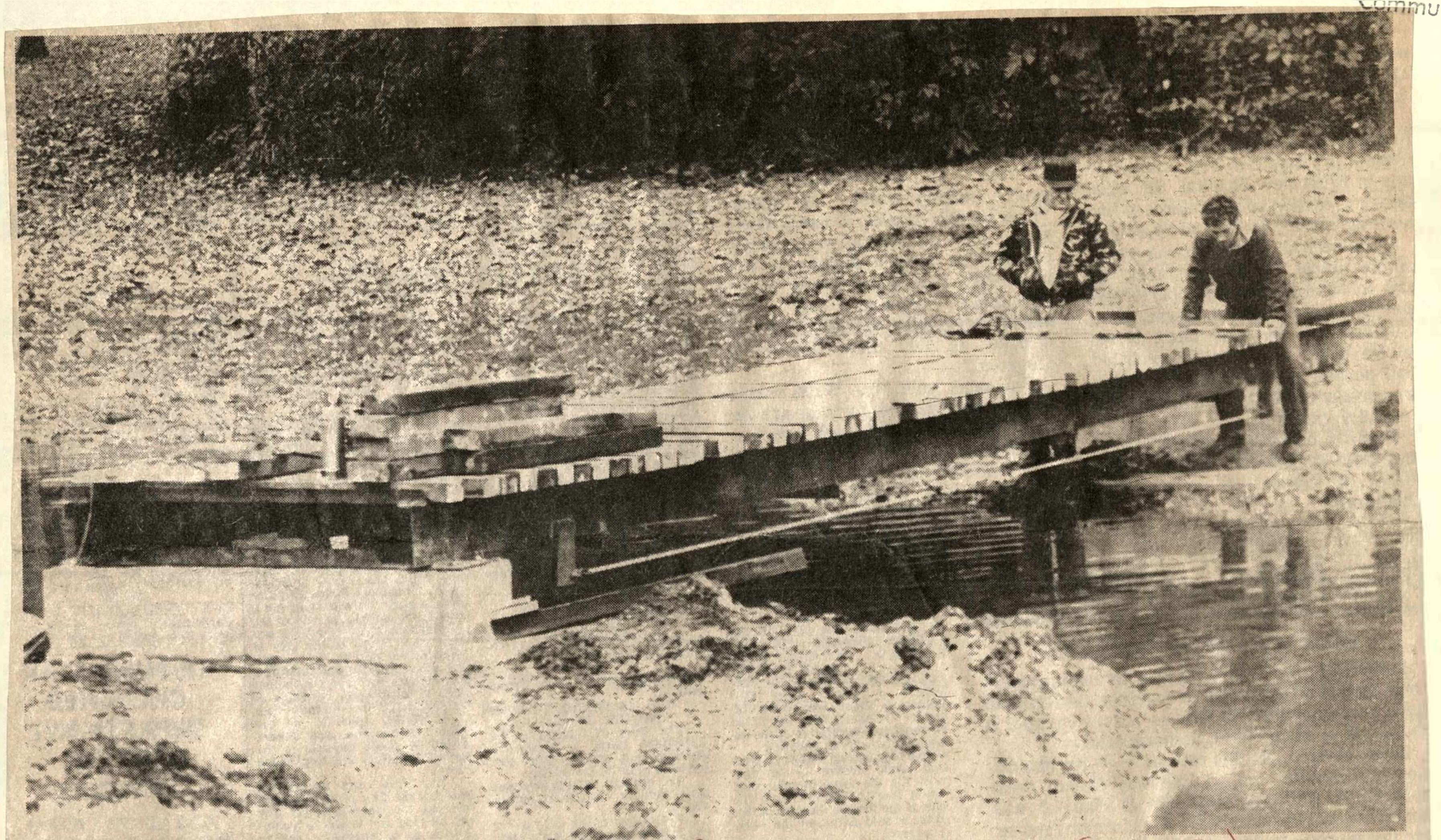

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New bridge at park

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A new pedestrian bridge is under construction in Dobbs Park to replace one that Park Superintendent Patrick Ralston says has rotting lumber. Ralston said the new bridge will cost only $1,000, about $9,000 less than normal costs, because the materials were donated and the work was done in-house.

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Dobbs open for no-risk skiing

By Kathy Gurchiek
Tribune-Star Staff Reporter

"I hereby agree to cross-country ski at my own risk," read the consent form I was signing with skepticism, hoping in my intrepid heart that my novice cross-country experience at Dobbs Nature Center would not involve bodily injury to my little person.

I had vivid memories from two years ago of sliding backward down a slope the first five minutes I ever stepped onto a downhill ski slope — assuming the "basic stink bug position", as a cousin indelicately termed it. Later I barreled down a mid-size ski slope, striking terror into the glazed eyes of a young woman as I flew toward her like a human snowball, slicing across her skis.

That experience, while fun, was like trying to ride a bicycle no-handed before learning to balance oneself on a bicycle. Cross-country skiing is akin to learning that balancing act.

While there is not the fear element of downhill skiing, which offers the thrill of excitement, cross-country skiing along the more than two miles of wooded trails at Dobbs is a fun way to spend an hour or an entire afternoon.

There also are no ski lifts, a blessing to those of us who have been dragged through the snow on our knees while desperately clinging to the ski strap.

Between Feb. 27 and March 4, 227 people strapped on skis at Dobbs after the blizzard dumped nine inches of snow here. Since last week's snowfall, 27 people ventured forth.

"It's basically an experiment to find out if they like it or not," allowing a person to dip a big toe and ski into the snows of cross-country skiing, said Karen Henman. Henman works at Dobbs as head naturalist for the city park system and as Vigo County School Corp. environmental educator.

All trails are relatively moderate in difficulty, Henman said. The most challenging trail is the most accessible when starting from the nature center and is the trail most people try.

Dobbs began its ski rental program last year but lack of snow prevented implementation. There must be at least three inches of snow at Dobbs before skiing opens at the park, Herman said.

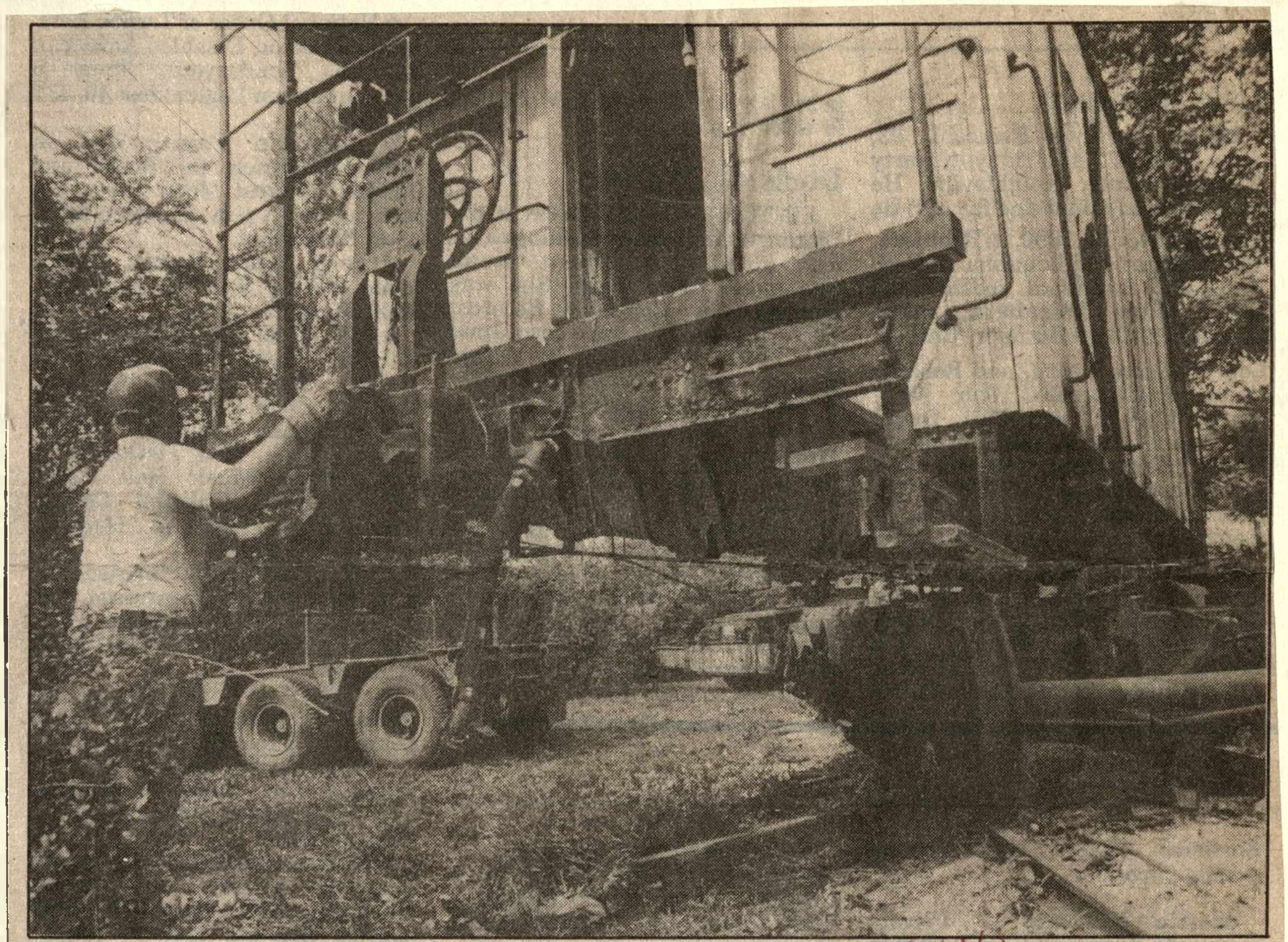
"Not even a Band-Aid injury" has occurred Henman said. "You don't get to going that fast" as in downhill skiing, she said.

A few falls from stepping on my skis and tripping or letting the skis slide from beneath my body were the only threats to remaining vertical.

The skier should use the ski poles as extensions of one's arms, planting the right pole as the right arm swings forward when the left foot/ski moves forward, as in walking, I learned.

Turning was tricky and there must be a better way of stopping than throwing my body to the ground when coming to the bottom of a slight incline.

But the day was delightful, the weather beautiful and the experience fun. Others interested in adventuring to Dobbs for skiing and equipment rental can do so today from 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.



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Caboose on the loose

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Workers from Haley Bros. Construction Co. swing an 81-year-old Pennsylvania Railroad caboose from its track on the Dr. Wayne Crockett residence on Ohio Boulevard to a flat-bed trailer for its move to nearby Dobbs Park, where it will be fixed up for display. They used a crane to hoist it onto the trailer and, after finally jockeying around low power lines, managed to move it to Dobbs Park, where it is taking up residence with "Smokey the Bear" near the park's nature center. A group of retired railroaders has offered to refurbish the caboose, using paint donated by Westwood Paint Co., 1825 Wabash Ave.

Walk In The Woods

Photo by Todd Stokes

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Dobbs Park

by Joyce Lakey Shanks

If you take a hike with Dobbs Park naturalist Mary Beth Eberwein, you expect to catch a glimpse of the winged watchdogs of the forest, to identify creature footprints in the mud, to learn why you shouldn't carve on trees and--well, it's like walking through a nature encyclopedia with the author at your side.

"I really am fortunate," Mary Beth reflects, "because I love my work. My contact with the kids is the most fun. They are so refreshing."

Mary Beth shares her expertise with all fourth and sixth graders in Vigo County every year as part of their environmental education unit. Occasionally she hosts classes from Clay, Sullivan, and Parke Counties, too. During the school year, about 3000 youngsters visit her domain.

We are entering the woods now, and Mary Beth stops our group of Saturday morning hikers to caution that "the most important thing to remember on bird hikes is to be quiet." She picks up a cigarette butt on the path and puts it in her pocket.

Someone in the group spots a cardinal, and Mary Beth whips out her Audible Audubon, a hand-held gadget that reproduces bird calls on a plastic record not much bigger than a half dollar. The ploy works, and everyone gets a good look at the curious cardinal which flies closer to check out the call.

We pass a bluebird house, and our guide explains that bluebirds are shy and other birds pick on them, often taking over their favorite nesting places in fence posts. The houses have been strategically placed in Dobbs Park to attract the bluebirds.

"We used to see a red-bellied woodpecker around here," Mary Beth notes, as we pass near the pond, "but now we have groups walking by this point twice a day. I think he has moved on because birds don't like so much activity around their nesting places."

She suddenly wheels around and makes a soft shushing sound on the fringe of some bushes. To our astonishment a white-throated sparrow flies out.

A little girl excitedly points to a towhee, and Mary Beth mimics its call. "Drink your tea, drink your tea," she repeats rapidly, but nothing happens.

"If you come to Dobbs the first week in May, you might be able to see 30 different kinds of warblers," Mary Beth suggests. "Oh, there are several blue jays. Do you hear them? They and the hawks are the watchdogs of the forest. They check things out and sound warnings."

One of the hikers thinks he hears a tufted titmouse, and again Mary Beth inserts the little record, with a picture of the bird in question, into the Audible Audubon.

"The trouble with this is that the bird has an accent," she laughs. "These recordings were made of birds in the East, so this model has an Eastern accent. It's not quite the same as our Midwestern titmouse."

Everyone chuckles.

Deep into the virgin forest we pass tall beech trees that are scarred with the initials and pierced hearts of lovers and the scrawlings of vandals.

"I know you will encourage your children and grandchildren not to carve on trees. Some of these trees are 100 to 150 years old, and those bark wounds make them much more susceptible to disease."

Mary Beth retrieves a discarded cigarette wrapper at the edge of the path.

"At least there's not as much trash here as in Deming Park. Dobbs attracts a different crowd. We have all ages, from babies to elderly people. During holidays there are lots of family groups with relatives from out of town. People seem to want to show Dobbs Park to visitors, and we've had folks from as far away as England and Australia."

The path is getting swampy, but Mary Beth's keen eyes don't miss the imprint of a raccoon's foot in the mud.

Mary Beth has worked at Dobbs Park for seven years. She received her M.A. in Life Sciences from Indiana State University in 1979 and wrote her thesis on the ectoparasites (ticks, fleas, and mites) of the cottontail rabbit.

Her most painful experience at Dobbs occurred when she was telling a visiting group about the habits of crayfish. The live crayfish she was holding suddenly grabbed her at the knuckle, and she tried to continue her talk while also trying to unfasten the piercing claws.

"I was just bitten a couple of weeks ago by our black rat snake," she adds. "We haven't really handled him enough this winter. It was my fault. I put my hand in the cage, and the snake was expecting his food--a live mouse." The snake, by the way, is five feet long.

Regarding the future of Dobbs Park, Mary Beth anticipates that it will continue to be a city nature preserve and forest as was intended by the will of Effie May Dobbs. She is also hoping that the opening of the Torner Community Center at Deming Park will free space at Dobbs for a nature club. A tour and lecture about the newly installed caboose and railroading are already being formulated.

April and May are the busiest times at Dobbs, with three tours daily for school children.

One of the little girls in our group slips her hand into Mary Beth's as we head back to the Nature Center.

"Oh," she exclaims with delight, "I get to hold a hand! Lucky me!"

On a beautiful Spring day, one might find Mary Beth checking the paths before the next group of visitors arrive and sneaking in some bird watching with her binoculars. That's her favorite leisure time occupation. But that's no surprise. Mary Beth Eberwein is a rare bird herself.

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Youths try out fishing luck

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Neither rain nor wind could keep Heather Houser from catching the biggest bluegill during the 1985 Fishing Rodeo at Dobbs Park.

Battling a misting rain and cool winds, Houser, 5, caught a 4½-ounce fish to capture top honors in the 7-year-old-and-under age group at the annual fishing event, sponsored by the Terre Haute Parks and Receation Department.

Houser was just one of several young anglers taking home top honors at the event.

Chris Harris caught the biggest bluegill in the 8-11-year-old age division, latching onto a 6-ounce fish. Bruce Allen's 4-ounce catch was good enough to win the 12-15-year-old category.

Jeff Westerkamm caught the largest bass of the day, reeling in a 1-pound, 7-ounce fish in the 12-15-year-old age group. Henry Foutz won the 7-and-under division with a 4-ounce bass, while Billy Carson captured top honors in the 8-11 group with a 15-ounce fish.

Among catfish anglers, Willie Deal hauled in a 1-pound, 8-ounce fish in the 7-and-under division, Kenny Barron caught a 1-pound, 2-ounce fish in the 8-11 division and Steve Dalton had a 12-ounce catch in the 12-15 division.

Jennie Mishkin caught the most fish in the 7-and-under-year-old age group. Chris Morris took home top honors in the 8-11 division, while Jack Gamble latched onto the most fish in the 12-15 age group. Allen Arney recorded the most catfish during the one-day event. Bruce Allen, Craig Foutz, David Haney and Jeff Stevens each tied for catching the most bluegills.

Heather Poff, 3, was the youngest girl angler putting a line into the water, while Joshua Pabst, 3, was the youngest fisherman.

Dobbs Park

Stuffed coyote added to park's exhibits

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Nature's way

By Mary Beth Eberwein
Dobbs Park Naturalist

We have a new addition at the Dobbs Park Nature Center. We just received a mounted coyote from our taxidermist. This coyote is a beautiful animal. It stands on top of our fireplace with its head slightly lifted as if it were just about to yip at the moon.

Its beautiful bushy tail is drooping down just like a live coyote would carry its tail. The coyote's fur is a mottled mixtgure of cream, brown, and black colors. It looks like a small German shepherd dog, but has a longer nose and thinner legs. Coyotes are not nearly as big as most people think — they weigh only 30 to 40 pounds.

Why do we have a stuffed coyote at the Nature Center? Are there really coyotes in Indiana? There certainly are. Twenty-five years ago, coyotes were found in 23 of 92 counties. Now, they live in almost every county.

In fact, the wily coyote has extended his range eastward over the past few decades and is now found in almost every state, except those in the southeast.

Why has the coyote extended his rage so dramatically? Partly because he is so adaptable. Coyotes can generally tolerate the presence of man better than larger predators like the wolf, bear, and moutain lion.

In some cases, changes in the land have benefited the coyote. The reclaimed mining land in southwestern Indiana is real coyote habitat because it is similar to the grasslands the coyote naturally frequents. But the coyote isn't found only in grassland; it will live in farmlands, parks, swamps and even suburbs.

The coyote has a bad reputation. He is often unfairly blamed for livestock kills, when, in reality, feral dogs or coyote-dog crosses ("coydogs") are more likely to kill livestock.

If you have never seen a coyote, come out to the Nature Center to see our life-like specimen. We'll be glad to tell you all about the wily coyote.

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This Saturday at the Nature Center, 2 p.m.: Acid Rain. Where does it come from and how does it affect our environment? This half-hour slide program may help clear the air.

Nature Center Project Still Planned Here

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By BLAINE AKERS

Star Staff Writer

Readvertisement of bids for the construction of nature center at John G. Dobbs Memorial Grove Park is expected "soon," according to Pat Dougherty, superintendent of Terre Haute city parks.

Bids for the nature center project were opened Aug. 19, however the Terre Haute Park and Recreation Board "disallowed" all bids because they were substantially higher than predicted project costs.

At Thursday night's Terre Haute City Council session, a $25,000 appropriation ordinance for renovation of Dobbs Park was introduced on first reading. Councilmen Eugene Trummel and Asa Malooley are sponsors of the bill.

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The appropriation, if passed during the next meeting of the City Council, will be coupled with already appropriated funds of $31,000. All in all, $56.000 will be used for the construction of the nature center and related project plans.

Dougherty said approximately $4,000 will be used to move a maintenance building from Dobbs Park to Deming Park. The city park superintendent said by moving the building to Deming Park it would centralize the park's maintenance program, but more importantly, with removal of the building it would improve the esthetics of Dobbs Park.

The park superintendent also pointed out an arboretum, to contain various state trees, will be constructed to enhance the park's beauty.

Once the nature center is completed, according to

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Dougherty, the city park department will organize an educational program at the park for students in the Vigo County School system.

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Proposed plans call for the construction of a large environmental education center. The center will be used for observation of birds and animals. On display in the center will be preservd specimens of plants and animals.

Inside the center will be a discussion room for meetings, a laboratory and a storage room.

According to Dougherty, the building has been designed to blend in with the surrounding woods and will be set in an arboretum of trees. Marked trails will also be constructed so naturalists can identify with the various plants, wildlife and features of the park.

Hap Miller, Archonics Corporation, is designer for the project, Dougherty said.

"Providing the additional appropriation is passed, the park superintendent noted, bids can be advertised again and hopefully we can get the project underway soon."

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Kids give up cartoons to get close to nature

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By Sue Loughlin
Tribune-Star Staff Reporter

Eagerly, the 9- and 10-year-olds followed their guide as they looked for mushrooms, colored leaves and acorns along the nature trail.

They laughed when Dobbs Park naturalist Mary Beth Eberwein told them that robins could get "drunk" from over-ripened honeysuckle berries.

The group talked about why leaves change color and how animals keep warm during the winter.

Who said kids don't like to go to school on Saturday?

The enthusiastic students belonged to Shirley Waterman's fourth-grade class at University School. The eight students went on a field trip Saturday to the Dobbs Park Nature Center and trail to observe how plants and animals prepare for winter.

The weather was appropriate to the theme, with temperatures in the high 40s and nippy winds. Students wore jackets, coats and woolen hats.

Lisa Garland, 9, of 611 N. 13th St. was pleased with the adventure in learning. "I love it. I've been here before," she said.

Mike Cunningham, John Harting and Everett Gordon were intrigued by a display of live snakes. Cunningham described the visit as "exciting."

But Shelby Harbage had a slightly different viewpoint. "I've never been on a field trip on a weekend before," she said. "I'm missing my cartoons."

The idea for the class was Waterman's, with assistance from Eberwein. Waterman conducted a similar field trip last year with a sixth-grade class.

"So many people don't have a nature center close by. It's ridiculous not to take advantage of it," Waterman said earlier in the week. "I thought it would be a good science enrichment program."

She plans to do it again later this fall, with two more sessions in the spring. She said the nature lesson supplements what the youths learn in school.

Eberwein was also positive about the lesson. "She [Waterman] wants to get the kids interested in the environment and nature," Eberwein said.

The trip required cooperation from school and parents, because parents had to cart their children to the park by 10 a.m. Waterman, who obviously loves her work, volunteered to take the students there on a Saturday.

Because only one-third of her class was able to attend, her husband Dave brought along portable videotape equipment to film the nature walk. The film will also have sound.

"I tried to think — how could it be more meaningful for kids not here," she said. Now the other students can see a video of the walk, and those who attended will be able to answer questions.

Other youths on the field trip included Addie Moody, Jennifer Brock and Van Ly.

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Dobbs Park Camping Sites To Be Removed

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The four-member Terre Haute Park Board voted unanimously Tuesday to remove the present camping sites at Dobbs Park. The matter had been discussed at length at the board's November meeting, when opponents and proponents voiced their ideas and opinions.

Board members had studied the terms of the will of Miss Effie F. Dobbs, dated Feb. 15, 1944, and agreed that permitting camping did not follow the intent of the deed. Terms were that the 55.04 acres known as the John G. Dobbs Memorial Grove; that the site be a city forest, for park purposes and for the planting and growing of trees and shrubbery, that no charge for entrance, exit or use of the said real estate be made, and that the land would revert to the donor or heirs if the terms were not met.

The Terre Haute City Council accepted the bequest, agreeing to the terms of the deed, and the park was officially opened on Oct. 26, 1963.

John Valle, president, conducted the meeting. Other board members attending were Kenneth Coy, William Moliken and Lawrence Letzkus.

Two persons spoke in favor of keeping the park in its original state. There were no representatives of the National Campers Association present at Tuesday's meeting .

Virgil Gray suggested that the Park Department clear some of the brush, thickets and dead trees so that people can more easily walk through the section where virgin timber stands, and that signs and information about various trees and plants be put up.

An Indiana State University professor of Life Sciences, Dr. M. T. Jackson, told the Park Board that Dobbs Grove had tremendous potential for an outdoor education center, and offered his assistance in restoring the park as a natural area.

Dr. Jackson suggested that an arboretum be established, with local native trees; that a small area, perhaps half an acre, be restored as a prairie; that small marshes and island of brushy vegetation be established, and that a nature interpretive building would be of great value to ISU and high school classes.

He strongly urged that development be kept to a minimum, as the area is too small, fragile and unique to be treated otherwise.

The Park Board had their first official notification of a proposed agreement for the YWCA to construct a new facility to replace the present building on N. 7th St. on part of a five-acre site at the south end of Fairbanks Park that has been leased to the Girl Scouts for a 99-year period at $1 per year. Sketches and a site plan were submitted with a cover letter by Archionics Corporation.

According to Valle, both the Park Board and the Girl Scout Council must concur in the decision to share part of the land with the YWCA.

The Covered Bridge Girl Scout Council had entered into a lease agreement with the Park Board in the summer of 1971. Construction of their new office building is expected to begin soon. The YWCA building and parking would require approximately two acres, according to the letter submitted to the Park Board.

This matter will be taken under advisement by the board and action taken at a later meeting.

Park Superintendent Pat Dougherty in his report said that four lots sought by the Board as a neighborhood park in Terre Town were zoned R-1, residential, and that under the nine specific uses under R-1, could be used as a park.

A decision on whether to establish a driving range at Rea Park will be made at the January meeting. Steuben Cain explained the operation and management of a driving range to the board, and answered questions. He recommended 34 to 40 tees, and estimated that approximately 10 to 12 acres would be required at Rea for a driving range, parking, etc.

In response to a question from Susan Ward on fees and concessions from a driving range, Dougherty explained that the revenue would go to the non-reverting Park Fund.

In other routine business, the Board approved payment of claims for November totaling $6,278.20 and November payroll of $12,313.54.

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Final Evidence Heard in Suit On Land Taken

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Final evidence was heard Thursday in a Vigo Superior Court trial of a highway condemnation case involving 1.7 acres of land in Dobbs Memorial Park.

A motion by the state that the jury of nine men and three women inspect the property at 9:30 a.m. Friday was granted by Judge Harold J. Bitzegaio.

Final arguments will be heard after inspection of the disputed property.

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The defendants are the city of Terre Haute and three cousins of the late Effie Dobbs, who deeded the land to the city in the early 1940s.

Deputy Atty. Gen. Richard Speelmon said the cousins were named defendants because they appear to have a claim of interest in the disputed property. One condition of the deed that transferred the land to the city in perpetuity was that the land should revert to distributees of the Dobbs estate if the land were no longer used as a park.

The distributees named in the suit are James M. Hollis, Robert L. Hollis and Mrs. Martha Ellen Call, all of Terre Haute. Their spouses also are named defendants. They are represented by Attorney Robert J. McPeak. City Attorney Frank Crawford is representing Terre Haute.

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Speelmon and Terre Haute Attorney Raymond J. Kearns are presenting the state's case.

For the defendants, two real estate appraisers, John Figg and John T. Newlin, testified the value of the land taken and the damages to the remaining property amount to $5,500.

Clifford Hyatt, Terre Haute realtor, testified for the state the property taken and damages to the remaining land come to $3,342.

The land was taken in two strips, one along Ind. 46 along the south side of the property and one along the east side of the property for an access route to U.S. 40.

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